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Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE  
(née NASH) (1865-1952) in the early 1950s (at the wedding of their  
granddaughter June HUMBERSTONE (1924-2012)  
to Geoffrey Alan RICHARDS (1922-2013). (HB0040)



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# THE CHILDREN OF ALFRED & ELIZABETH ANN HUMBERSTONE

This summary list overviews the children of Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE (née NASH) (1865-1952). Some family members have been a bit overwhelmed by the size of the family, hopefully this listing of details of the children, most of whom arrived in New Zealand in May 1914 aboard the Royal Mail Ship the *Tainui* (just before the outbreak of World War I) will help keep track of lines and relationships.

- 1 **Alfred Franklin ('Fawn') HUMBERSTONE** (in British army arrived in NZ after WWI finished) (b. Jul 1885, Boston, Lincolnshire, England—d. 28 Feb 1955 NZ) m. Sarah Ann STEERS (b. 25 July 1885, Oundle, Northhampton and Huntingdon, England—d. 8 Oct 1967 NZ)
- 2 **Ethel Mary HUMBERSTONE** (arrived in NZ on 1 November 1910 on the *Arawa*) (b. 10 Aug 1886, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England—d. 23 Feb 1970 NZ) m. Walter Thomas ASPLIN (b. 17 Jul 1883, Spalding, Lincolnshire, England—d. 11 Jul 1961 NZ)
- 3 **Biddy Elizabeth HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 3 Apr 1888, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England—d. 31 May 1981 NZ) m. Walter Ranshaw FOUNTAIN (b. Sept 1883, Wrangle, Lincolnshire, England—d. 1942 NZ)
- 4 **Kate ("Kit") HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 8 Feb 1890, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England—d. 9 Sep 1981 NZ) m. Donald McDONALD. 29 May 1892, Masterton, New Zealand—d. 21 Jun 1969 NZ)
- 5 **Gertrude Bonner HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 2 Nov 1891, Sutterton, Lincolnshire, England—d. 4 Jun 1984 NZ) m. Walter CHESSUM (b. 17 Apr 1890, Wrestlingworth, Lincolnshire, England)—d. 8 Jun 1989 NZ)
- 6 **Gladys Ruby HUMBERSTONE** (departed London for NZ on the *Ionic* 4th December 1913) (b. 25 Aug 1893, Sutterton, Lincolnshire, England—d. 21 Aug 1983, NZ) m. Arthur MORGAN (b. 15 Feb 1878, Kilkeel, County Down, Northern Ireland—d. 4 Mar 1944 NZ)
- 7 **Rufus Nash HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 25 Sep 1895, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire—d. 4 August 1969 NZ) m. Ada Lillian ("Lily") BUTCHER (b. 1 Aug 1889—d. 22 May 1968 NZ)
- 8 **Ernest ("Ernie") HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 16 Jul 1897, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire—d. 19 April 1974, NZ) m. Doris Annie Rose BUTCHER (b. 28 Mar 1900, Mangatoki, Taranaki, NZ—d. 4 Dec 1955 NZ)
- 9 **Pell William HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 13 May 1899, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire—d. 28 Jul 1985 NZ) m. Mary Elizabeth HONE (b. 28 Aug 1905, Waiuku, NZ—d. 5 Jan 1995 NZ)
- 10 **Hannah ("Nance") HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 27 Sep 1900, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire—d. 26 Mar 1979 NZ) m. Colvin Richard ("Dick") HARRIS (b. 1902, Levin, New Zealand—d. 16 Feb 1961 NZ)
- 11 **Thomas ("Tom") Jack HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 24 Mar 1905, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire, England—d. 21 Aug 1996 Auckland) m. Dinah Maude DAVIS (b. 8 Jul 1903, Bathurst, New South Wales—d. 5 Jun 1971 NZ)
- 12 **Eric Sleightholme HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 4 Jun 1907, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire—d. 22 Jun 1983 NZ) m. Ethel Isobel HONE (b. 1916—d. 7 April 1972 NZ)
- 13 **Josephine May HUMBERSTONE** (*Tainui*) (b. 25 Oct 1908, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire—d. 30 Sep 1956, NZ) m. Les Alfred TATTERSFIELD (b. Dunedin, NZ 3 Sept 1908—d. 26 Nov 1972, Otaki NZ)

# PREFACE

## THE HUMBERSTONE FAMILY IN NEW ZEALAND

This compilation of HUMBERSTONE family notes, photos, background and charts is largely the result of unflagging information gathering by Diana WILES (née HUMBERSTONE). Diana's personal visits, letters and emails have provided the basis for much of what follows. Other help has come from family members of all degrees who have shared photos, memories, letters as well as the time to help make this collection possible and check the content. From 1974 onwards Royce WILES made some compilations of family details with help from HUMBERSTONE great-aunts, which lead to a handwritten summary in August 1980, now with the patient help of many people those early materials have grown into this book.

No systematic efforts have yet been made to explore the earlier generations of HUMBERSTONE family members in England, that may happen in the future, this compilation is focused on the family members who came out to New Zealand and their descendants.

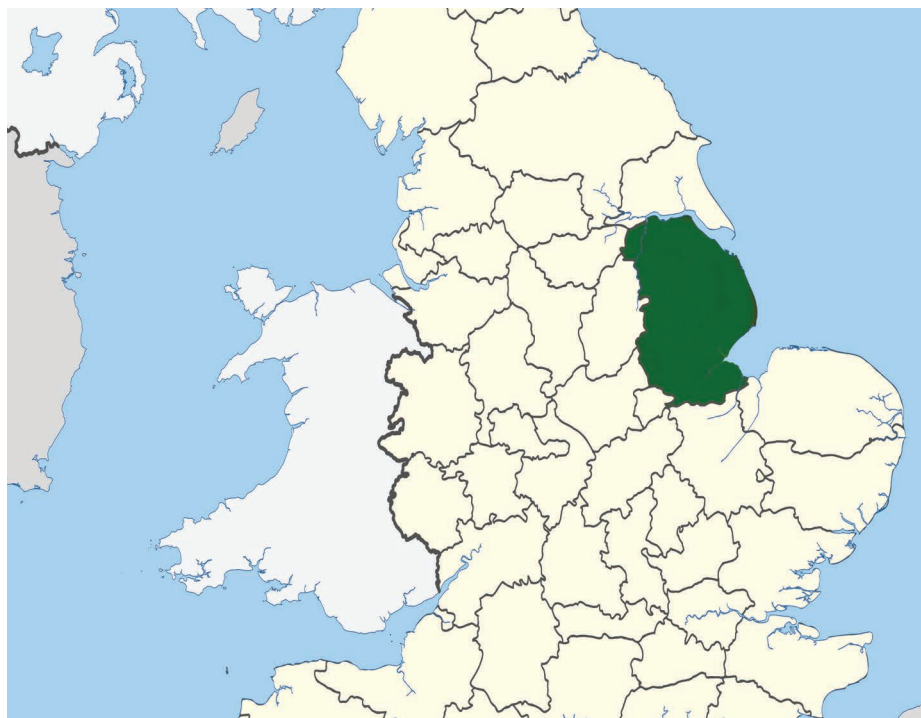
The summary here is by no means complete, it was inspired by the knowledge that family traditions were fading, as were photos, diaries, notebooks and the all important remembered snippets about people, places and events. These were all being lost as succeeding generations became more and more distant from the events of the first arrival of family members in New Zealand.

In May 2014 120 or so descendants and well-wishers of this (and other) lines of the HUMBERSTONE family came together in Matamata to view the preliminary materials we had printed up into posters and family tree charts. Many useful corrections and additions were written onto the charts. We met in the Matamata All Saints' church hall to share food and also cut a celebratory cake. All to mark the one hundred years since the arrival on the 20 May 1914 of the main HUMBERSTONE family group of eleven individuals (plus the four members of the FOUNTAIN family) at Wellington.

Genealogical works are never really finished, I am grateful for the patient corrections of many relatives (of all degrees): apologies in advance for any errors that remain, please do let me know what to fix or update.

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20 April, 2014



*Map 1: Location map showing Lincolnshire in England.*



*Map 2: Map detail showing the city of Lincoln, and the towns of Sleaford, Heckington, Boston, Old Leake etc. which are associated with the HUMBERSTONE family mentioned in this book.*





*Figure 1: "Seadyke House" now "Mill farm", Seadyke Road near the village of Old Leake, Lincolnshire, England- this photo is from the early 1910s and was kept by Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996), many of the children were born in this house. (HB0003)*

# 1. LINCOLNSHIRE ORIGINS

## BEFORE 1914

The HUMBERSTONE family (Alfred and Elizabeth Ann and their children) emigrated from England to New Zealand in April-May 1914 following out two of their daughters (Ethel and Gladys) who had already left for New Zealand in 1910 and 1913 respectively. They had all been living in Lincolnshire in the Old Leake and Heckington area not far from Sleaford and Boston. According to one family tradition, Gladys (b. 1893) was the last child to be born in a hospital, the succeeding seven children were all born at home at "Seadyke House" (Figure 1 above) as it was referred to then.

The house is located in Seadyke Road, between the villages of Old Leake and Wrangle. The mill seems to have stopped working by 1905 but traces are apparently left on site today (this mill is different from the eight-sailed mill at Heckington referred to below). For a map and more on the house see Appendix 6.4.

Family information has it that Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) had met when he was a stable-hand and she a member of the employing household.

They had married in Sleaford, Lincolnshire on 9 December 1884. Further family stories of Elizabeth Ann being an "heiress" also seem to be true and the will of her grandmother is included at the end of this book. The couple seem to have owned more than one house in Lincolnshire and when they came to New Zealand they apparently had a "Gladstone bag filled with sovereigns" (prior to 1933 English currency was all that was used in New Zealand).

## HECKINGTON

Heckington is a small village close to Sleaford (Lincolnshire), currently notable for a surviving eight-sail windmill which is now a protected feature of the landscape (Figure 2).

In the mid-nineteenth century it was owned by ancestors of the HUMBERSTONE family (on the side of Elizabeth Ann NASH).

A summary history of the ownership of the mill is that it was built in 1830 and the first owner was one Michael HARE (d. April 1834). After his death his widow Anne HARE (née BONNER) (1807-1879) married a man 36 years her senior, Sleighthon NASH (1771-1847), on 5 August 1836 and the mill then came into the NASH family. (See Appendix 6.3 at the end of this book for his will).

Anne and Sleighton had four children (see the chart in Figure 3 right). This was however Sleighthon's second marriage, with his first wife Sarah PELL (1773-1814) he already had five sons and four daughters, the inheritance arrangements are complex. When Sleighton NASH died (thirty years before his second wife did) the mill was left to the sons from his first marriage.

However, when Sleighton's oldest son from this second marriage, William NASH (1837-1892) died, part of the NASH family inheritance came to be shared by William Bonner NASH (1861-1934), Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) and Hannah NASH (1868-1928). Elizabeth Ann NASH had married Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) on 9 December 1884 in Sleaford before coming into this inheritance.



*Figure 2: Heckington mill in 2008 (photo by Richard Croft. (HB0001))*

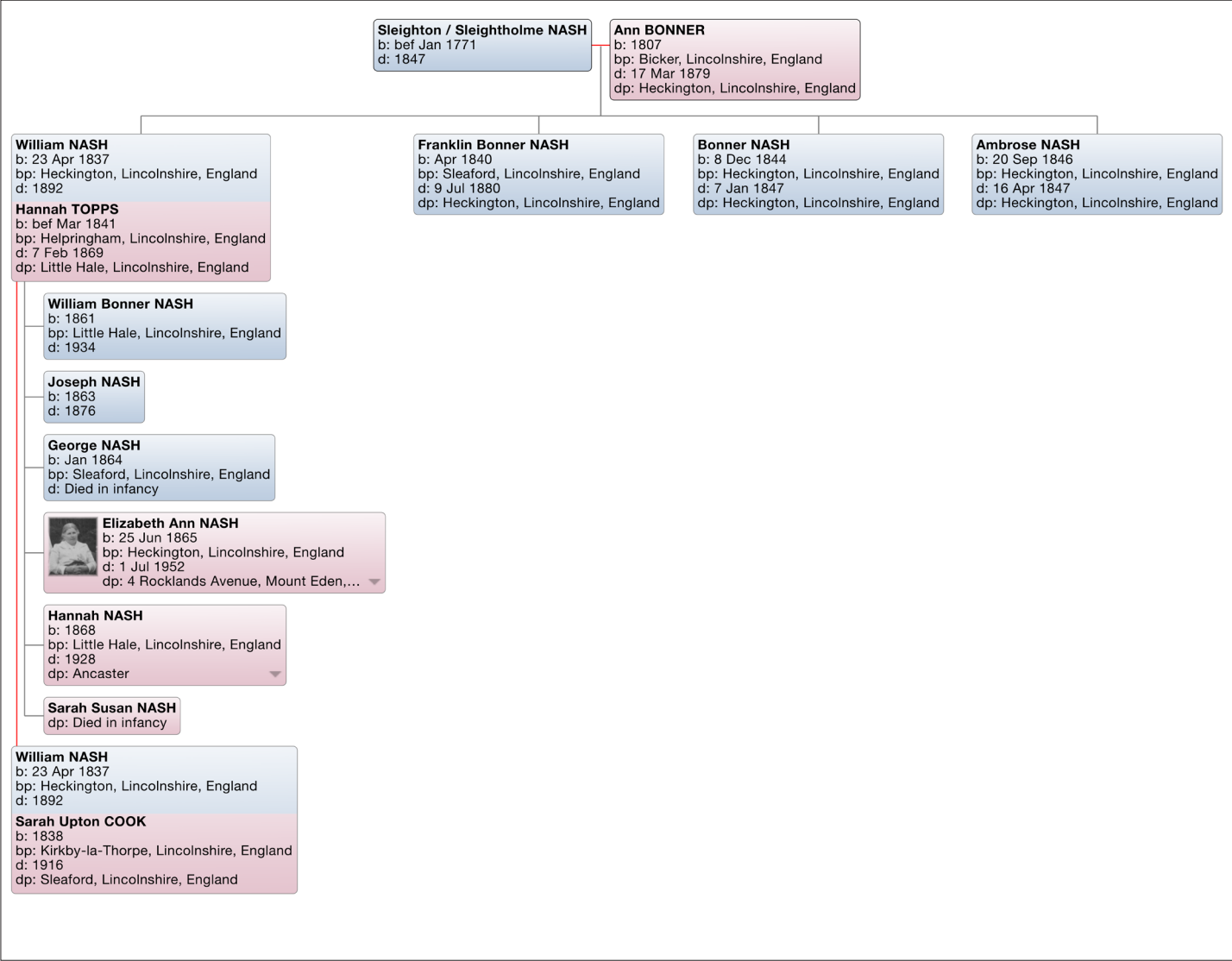


Figure 3: Summary chart of the offspring of Sleighton NASH (1769-1847) (second marriage) and Ann HARE (née BONNER) (1807-1879) (also second marriage). (HB0002)

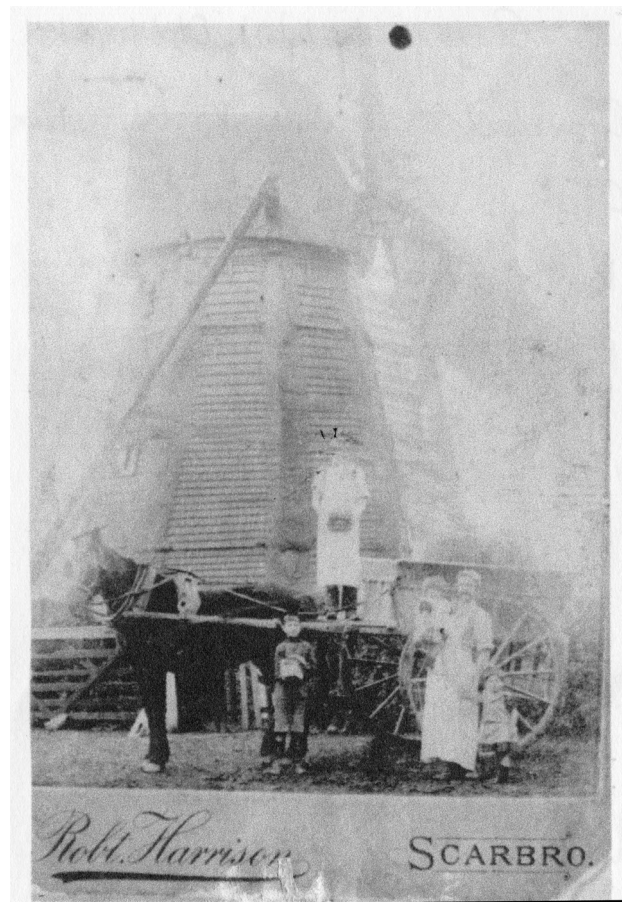
## OLD LEAKE

The HUMBERSTONE family seems to go back a long time in the vicinity of Heckington and Sleaford, however historical genealogy is not the main focus here so we have not put in many background details of the earlier generations although research is still on-going into those details (a subsequent publication will have to be undertaken to fill out the background of the HUMBERSTONE genealogy and family history).

The oldest image so far traced of the family in Old Leake is Figure 4 right which shows Alfred HUMBERSTONE (in miller's apron) standing with some of his children in front of a mill, most probably the one that was linked to the old mill house in Seadyke Road. Alfred HUMBERSTONE continued to be involved with mills even in New Zealand, where Elizabeth HUNTER (née MORGAN) recalls him being in demand to travel up to Auckland to set new mill stones in Auckland windmills.

On the following page are more recent images of the house in Old Leake (known as "Mill farm").

*Figure 4: "Grandad's mill, Old Leake", Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) standing by the wheel of the cart, holding Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983) in his arms, Rufus HUMBERSTONE (1895-1969) is holding his hand and Alfred "Fawn" HUMBERSTONE (1885-1955) is by the horse. A man named Jack Simpson is standing in the cart. This mill was probably on Seadyke Road, near Wrangle. (HB0008)*







*Figure 5: The front of the house at "Mill farm", note the tops of the end walls rising above the level of the ends of the roof (as in the old photo in Figure 1 above). Image from the 1980s. (HB0004)*



*Figure 6: Back view of the house at "Mill farm", Seadyke Road, Old Leake, Lincolnshire (image from the 1980s). We no longer know who the people in the image are. (HB0005)*

## 1. LINCOLNSHIRE ORIGINS

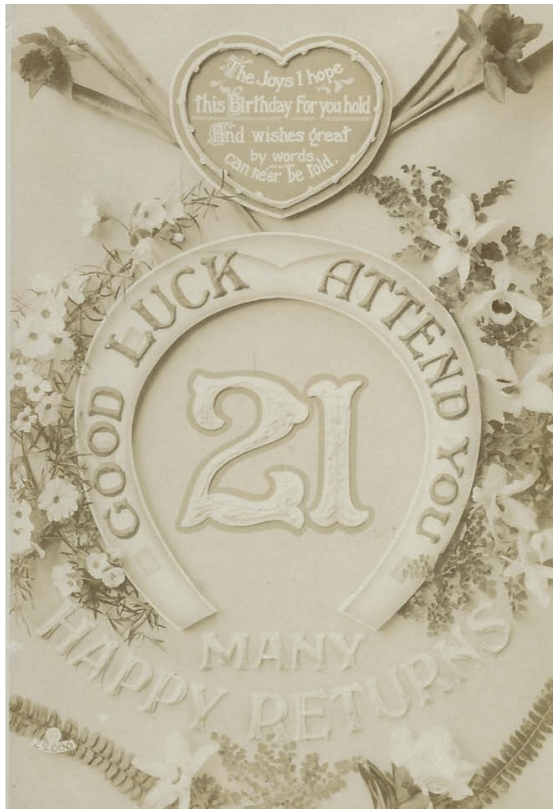


Figure 7: Old bakery behind "Mill farm", Seadyke Road, Old Leake, Lincolnshire (image from the 1980s). (HB0006)



Figure 8: St. Mary & Nicholas church, Old Leake, Lincolnshire where Tom HUMBERSTONE remembered going to Sunday school with other family members (image from <http://tuckdb.org/pictures/316010>) (HB0227)





## 21ST BIRTHDAY CARD

The 21st birthday (post)card in Figure 9 was mailed from Manchester (before February 1911). The address panel of the postcard is shown below (Figure 10) the address line shows that the house the family lived in was known as "Seadyke House," being on Seadyke Road, Old Leake. The note reads:

*Dear Kate, am sending you a birthday card which I hope you will like. I am getting on well here "no more land work for me." I hope you are well and that your mother is improving. Just think about me sometimes. I feel very lonely here so [undeciphered] myself. Take care of that little girl of mine, so good bye wishing you many happy returns.*  
*From RJ. [Richard Jefferies?]*

Figure 9: Front of a postcard sent to Kate HUMBERSTONE (1890-1981) on her 21st birthday (1911) from Manchester. (HB0007A)



Figure 10: Reverse of the birthday postcard shown above, sent to Kate on her 21st birthday (1911) from Manchester while she was living in Seadyke House, Old Leake. (HB0007B)





# 2. EMIGRATION TO NZ

(3 APRIL - 20 MAY 1914)

## SS CORINTHIC

Name of Ship <i>SS Corinthic</i>		Date of Departure <i>6 March 1914</i>		P.M. 21.													
Steamship Line—SHAW SAVILL & ALBION Co., Ltd.		Where bound <i>New Zealand</i>															
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF <b>BRITISH</b> PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF <i>London</i>																	
(1) Contract Ticket Number	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd)	(4) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land	(5) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers  In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS Except for First Class Passengers state the age last birthday						(7) Country of last Permanent Residence †					(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence †	
					Adults of 12 years and upwards		Children between 2 and 12		Infants		England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	British Possessions Foreign Countries		
					Accompanied by husband or wife	Not Accompanied by husband or wife	Male	Female	Male	Female							
AH398	Mrs. H. D. Lean	3	Bellington	Housewife		23											New Zealand
	Eva do			Child				5									
	Wimped do							2									
AH399	Harold Axby			Farming		18											
AH400	Paul Proctor			Domestic		27											
AH401	Daniel Walker			Farming		20											
AH404	Joe M. Bury					20											
AH405	Christina Bellman			Domestic				21									
	Bray do							19									
AH407	Emily Leake							18									
AH408	Henri Jernard			Farming		19											
AH409	Mr. Kennedy			Driver	32												
	Joe do			Child		31											
AH416	Mrs. P. Moss			Housewife				10									
	Harold do			Son		14											
	Wimped do			Child													
	Leonard do							5									
AH418	Ed. Humberstone			Farmer	49												
	Ed. do			Child		48											
	Robert do			Son		18											
	Ernest do					16											
	Pell do					14											
	Harriet do			Child													
	Tom do							11									
	Eric do							8									
	Josephine do							5									
AH419	Wade do			Domestic		23											
	Roberts do					22											
AH420	Wade Fountain			Farmer	30												
	Wade do			Child		28											
	Ernest do					25											
	Phyllis do			Child				2									
	Phyllis do							1									
AH430	Mrs. E. Jackson			Housewife		31											
	Frank do			Child				10									
	Samuel do							8									
	Joe do							4									
	Oliver do							2									
AH432	Lee Richardson			Farming		25											
AH433	John Hyde			Farmer		23											
AH434	Samuel Kelly			Domestic		15											
AH438	Rebecca Goodhall			Wife		41											
					1 1 7 9 3 6 - - 20						7						
† By Permanent Residence is to be understood residence for a year or more.																	

There are two passenger lists showing the HUMBERSTONE and FOUNTAIN families, one dated 6 March 1914 is from the SS Corinthic, however the names are then crossed out, we have no information about why there was a change to the Tainui in the following month.

Figure 11: Passenger list from March 1914 (Corinthic) showing the HUMBERSTONE and FOUNTAIN families registering, but then being crossed off. (HB0380)

2. EMIGRATION TO NZ

RMS TAINUI

2 P.M. 21.

Name of Ship *R. Tainui*

Date of Departure *3<sup>rd</sup> April 1914*

Steamship Line—SHAW SAVILL & ALBION Co., Ltd.

Where bound *N. Zealand*

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF *London*

(1) Cabin Ticket Number	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd)	(4) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land	(5) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passenger In the case of First Class Passenger this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS Except for First Class Passengers state the age last birthday						(7) Country of last Permanent Residence †					(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence †	
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					Accompanied by husband or wife	Not Accompanied by husband or wife	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	
H008	Chas. Shaw	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellington	Turner			29						/				N. Zealand
H009	Fred. Jarvin	"	"	Butcher			30						/				"
H010	Arthur Owen	"	"	Clerk			29						/				"
H011	Hy. Woodhead	"	"	Painter			26						/				"
H012	Edw. Bowry	"	"	Painter			35						/		/		"
H014	Wm. Carter	"	"	Butcher			51						/				"
H015	Oliver Lockman	"	"	Blacksmith			23						/				"
H016	Robt. Norbury	"	"	Engineer			39						/				"
H018	Frank Claxton	"	"	Builder			32						/				"
H020	Montague Brown	"	Wellington	Farming			28						/				Victoria N. Zealand
H021	George Friel	"	"	Gas Fitter			22						/				"
H023	Geo. Doyle	"	"	Farming			45						/		/		"
H024	Ed. Elcock	"	"	Miller			45						/				"
H028	Ed. J. Gatte	"	"	American Sailor			29						/				"
H030	Klaun Hamrick	"	"	"			50						/				"
AHHH3	Mrs. S. Percy	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellington	Housewife			28						/				N. Zealand
AHHH4	Chas. de	"	"	Child				5		2			/				"
AHHH5	Martha de	"	"	"									/				"
AHHH6	Geo. Crickton	"	"	Farming			33						/				"
AHHH7	Mrs. de	"	"	Housewife			30						/				"
AHHH8	Mrs. H. Radston	"	"	Domestic				25					/				"
AHHH9	Hy. Sharple	"	"	Farming				20					/				"
AHHH10	Wm. Humberstone	"	"	Domestic				23					/				"
AHHH11	Estimate de	"	"	"				22					/				"
AHHH12	Alfred de	"	"	Farmer			49						/				"
AHHH13	Edw. de	"	"	Housewife				18					/				"
AHHH14	Edw. de	"	"	Boys				16					/				"
AHHH15	Reel de	"	"	"				14					/				"
AHHH16	Hannah de	"	"	Child						11			/				"
AHHH17	Lorn de	"	"	"						8			/				"
AHHH18	Eric de	"	"	"							5		/				"
AHHH19	Josephine de	"	"	"									/				"
AHHH20	Wm. de	"	"	Farming			30						/				"
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## RMS *TAINUI*

As a steam-powered passenger and cargo carrier the *Tainui* (see Figures 12A-14 below) was built in 1908 and was part of the Royal Mail Line running between London and New Zealand, travelling on via South America to return to England round Cape Horn. According to the passenger manifest shown above, the HUMBERSTONE and FOUNTAIN families boarded the ship in London.

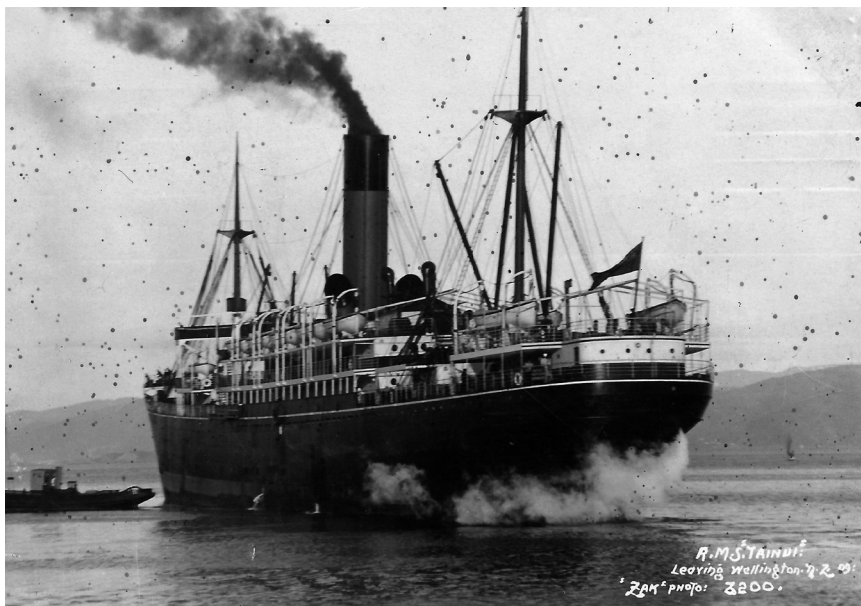


Figure 12: "R[oyal] M[ail] S[hip] Tainui leaving Wellington Harbour, Zak photo. (HB0011A)

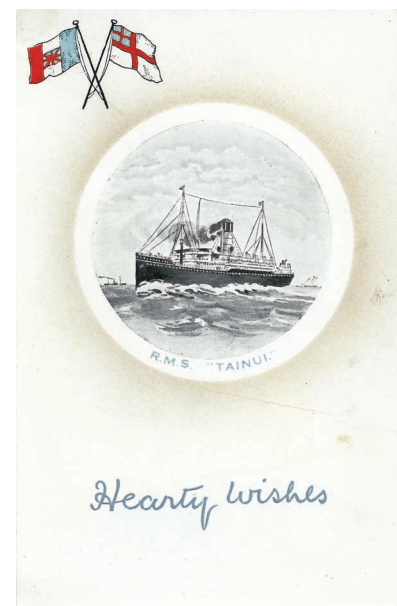


Figure 13: A greeting postcard (HW Flatt company of Ilford) showing the RMS Tainui. (HB0378)



Figure 14: Kingsway Real Photo series image of the RMS Tainui. (HB0377)

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On the trip with the HUMBERSTONE family, Gert (aged 23 at the time) kept a log of the miles travelled each day: her log starts on 5th April 1914 (from the port of Plymouth) and ends in Wellington on 20th May 1914. Subsequent to this voyage the ship was torpedoed during World War I (8 April 1918), it was eventually refitted and repaired and even returned to New Zealand, however on 21 February 1943 it was again torpedoed (in the North Atlantic) and believed sank on 22 February.<sup>1</sup>



Figure 15: Cover of the passenger list for the 1914 journey (an original copy retained by the CHESSUM family). (HB0010)

<sup>1</sup> New Zealand Maritime Index, vessel 1124507 (<http://www.nzmaritimeindex.org.nz/index.htm>).



# R.M.S. "TAINUI" (Twin-Screw From Plymouth 4th April, 1914)

Commander T. MOFFATT

Surgeon W. F. McLEAN, M.B., Ch.B. (Edinburgh)

## SALOON

Rev. J. A. Arkwright	Mr. C. S. Munday	Mr. E. L. Walton
Mr. J. Dewar	Mrs. Munday	Mrs. Walton
Mr. A. J. Elvin	Mr. J. Munday	Mr. T. Weir
Mrs. Elvin	Mr. P. Munday	Mrs. Weir
Master A. Elvin	Miss J. Munday	Miss F. Weir
Mr. F. Ferguson	Miss R. Munday	Mr. J. Weir
Mrs. Ferguson	Mr. E. Peacock	Master T. Weir
Mr. E. J. Fooks	Mrs. Peacock	Miss P. Weir
Mr. O. Frumerin	Mrs. J. Strachan	Mr. J. W. Wise
Mrs. M. Mummery	Miss H. Varley	

## THIRD CLASS

Miss H. Andre	Miss M. Blenkinsop	Mr. W. Carter
Mr. J. Angus	Mstr. W. Blenkinsop	Mrs. W. Challen
Mrs. Angus	Mstr. R. Blenkinsop	Mr. F. Clayton
Mr. J. Arnett	Master S. Blenkinsop	Mrs. H. Clouston
Mr. J. Baikie	Mr. M. Bragg	Miss A. Collins
Miss K. Dalton	Miss M. Brooklehurst	Mr. T. Coates
Mrs. E. Barker	Mr. W. Brooklehurst	Mr. H. Cox
Miss P. Barker	Mstr. A. Brooklehurst	Mrs. M. Cox
Mr. J. Beard	Mrs. A. Brown	Master W. Cox
Mr. R. Bennett	Miss M. Brown	Mr. G. Crichton
Mr. W. Binnie	Mr. F. Brown	Mrs. Crichton
Mrs. S. Blenkinsop	Mr. J. Carnaby	Mr. T. Crooks

## THIRD CLASS—Continued.

Miss J. Craichbank	Mrs. D. Johns	Mr. A. Sanders
Miss I. Davenport	Miss E. Johns	Mr. A. Sharpe
Mr. J. Doyle	Mr. W. Johns	Mr. W. Shaw
Mrs. Doyle	Mr. E. Kay	Mrs. Shaw
Mrs. E. Drinkwater	Mr. T. Lear	Mr. H. Shaw
Mstr. J. Drinkwater	Miss J. Little	Mrs. Shaw
Miss M. Duncan	Miss M. Lockhart	Master H. Shaw
Mr. E. Ekecock	Mr. E. Lockhart	Mr. C. Shaw
Mr. J. Fagan	Mrs. F. Lovejoy	Mr. J. Singleton
Mr. M. Fitzgerald	Miss E. Lovejoy	Mrs. Singleton
Mr. W. Fountain	Mr. T. Lowry	Master C. Singleton
Mrs. Fountain	Mr. A. Luke	Mrs. M. Skinner
Master E. Fountain	Mr. J. McNeill	Mr. H. Summerfield
Miss P. Fountain	Mrs. McNeill	Mr. H. Swindells
Mr. H. Godfree	Mr. E. May	Mr. F. Tarvin
Mr. A. Griffiths	Mr. A. Millman	Mrs. J. Taylor
Mrs. J. Hamilton	Mrs. Millman	Miss A. Taylor
Mrs. Hamilton	Miss P. Millman	Mr. C. Thornton
Master K. Hamilton	Master R. Millman	Mr. H. Thorpe
Mrs. A. Hawken	Master C. Millman	Mrs. Thorpe
Miss K. Hawken	Mr. W. Morrow	Master A. Thorpe
Master B. Hawken	Mr. W. Mulloy	Miss M. Thorpe
Mr. D. Hewitson	Mrs. Mulloy	Master H. Thorpe
Miss Hill	Miss F. Mulloy	Master C. Thorpe
Miss E. Hill	Mr. F. Murrow	Mr. L. Trives
Mr. H. Hill	Mr. A. Nicholson	Mr. J. Turfus
Mr. A. Humberstone	Mrs. Nicholson	Mr. H. Turner
Mrs. Humberstone	Mr. A. Nicholson	Miss L. Vallance
Mr. B. Humberstone	Mr. B. Norbury	Mrs. F. Wale
Mr. E. Humberstone	Mr. O. Ordale	Miss D. Wale
Mrs. E. Humberstone	Mr. A. Owen	Miss K. Wale
Miss H. Humberstone	Mrs. S. Payne	Mrs. M. Ward
Master E. Humberstone	Mr. S. Payne	Miss E. Ward
Master T. Humberstone	Mr. E. Payne	Master R. Ward
Master E. Humberstone	Miss M. Percy	Mr. A. Wehner
Miss J. Humberstone	Master C. Percy	Miss L. Wells
Mrs. K. Humberstone	Miss M. Percy	Mr. R. White
Miss G. Humberstone	Mrs. F. Phillips	Mr. G. White
Miss M. Huston	Miss F. Phillips	Mr. S. Wilkins
Mrs. A. Hyde	Miss E. Potter	Mr. C. Williams
	Miss F. Presley	Mr. H. Woodhead
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Miss E. Ailes  
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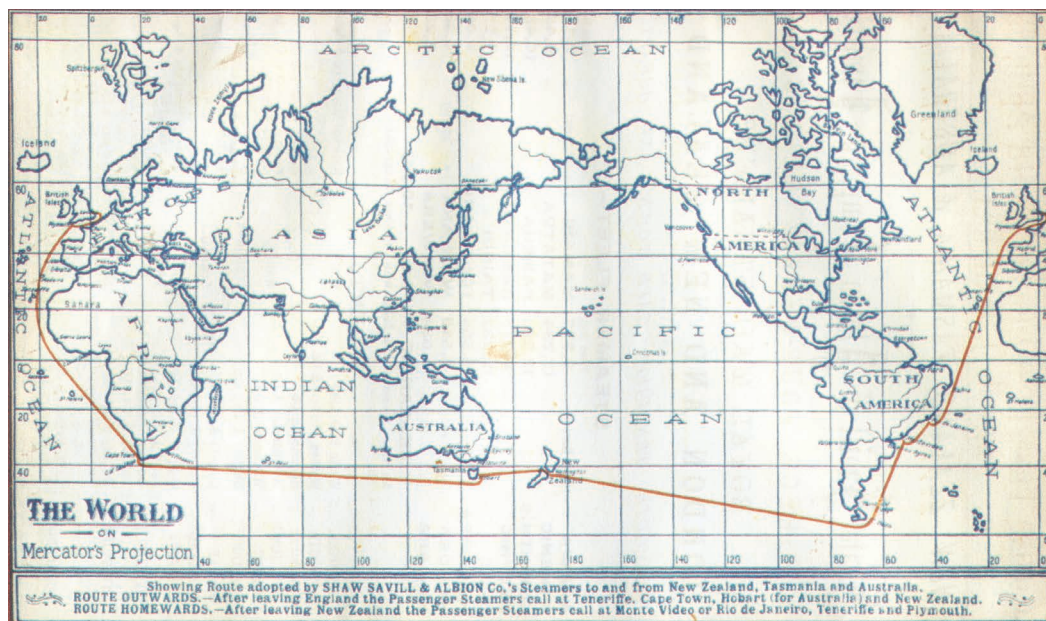


Figure 17: Map from the back of the passenger list distributed to passengers, showing the route for the voyage of the Tainui in 1914, Plymouth to Wellington and then on to Cape Horn. (HB0017)

### TAINUUI FROM HOME.

Having arrived in the stream at Wellington the previous evening, R.M.S. Tainui (from London) berthed at the King's Wharf yesterday morning. The liner brought only a small number of passengers. There were 19 in the second-class and 157 in the third class. The outward journey was uneventful, and the roughest weather was experienced in Cook Strait on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

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Figure 18: "Shipping news," Dominion, Volume 7, Issue 2154, 21 May 1914, Page 7.



# THE HUMBERSTONE MIGRATION AND ARRIVAL

**An account of the HUMBERSTONE migration and arrival with some later details as well by Elizabeth HUNTER (née MORGAN) - Notes from a conversation in 2013, written up by Royce WILES.**

The large HUMBERSTONE family (parents Alfred and Elizabeth Ann) lived in their own house in Seadyke Road, Old Leake, Lincolnshire. Alfred HUMBERSTONE had seven daughters and did not want them or the sons to go into "service" to make a living.

The oldest daughter Ethel (b. 1886) came out to New Zealand aged 22 as a single young woman in 1910, she married Walter ASPLIN in Hamilton. Gladys came out in 1913 next to stay with her sister. They wrote back and encouraged the rest of the family to come because wages and conditions were better than back in England. The family seem to have left en masse, having sold up the house in Old Leake, family story is that they travelled with a "Gladstone bag full of sovereigns."<sup>3</sup>

At the time of the migration Alfred Franklin "Fawn" (the eldest son) was in the British Army. A number of other HUMBERSTONE relatives seem to have been in the British Army at that time.

At some point Alfred and Elizabeth Ann had been mill owners or managers in Lincolnshire and one family story is that at night (when she heard the wind get up) Elizabeth Ann had to push Alfred out of bed telling him to "Get up and start the mill." Elizabeth Ann NASH was a part owner of the mill at Heckington. The family were millers and bakers at least for some time.

According to Elizabeth, "Grandad" (Alfred HUMBERSTONE) had been a stable hand, while "Grandma" (Elizabeth Ann NASH) had been an heiress of the NASH family. There are memories of visits to Heckington to collect rents at some point. His experiences as a stable hand may explain Alfred

Humberstone's wish not to allow his children to go into "service."

In New Zealand for many years Alfred would travel up to Auckland (from Te Kuiti) to dress the (new) millstones to go into the few remaining mills operating in Auckland (such as the one in Figure 19). There was no one else in the country able to do this.

According to one account, when the family at the house at Old Leake discussed and decided to sell up and migrate, Auntie Biddy (b. 1888 third child of Alfred and Elizabeth Ann) disappeared and went to check on the spot with husband Walter FOUNTAIN to see if he would also go with them. He said yes, so she came back and announced that to the family. Another daughter, Gertrude, was supposed to go back to the UK to marry, but her fiancé was killed in the war. She later married Walter CHESSUM.

The family came out on the "*Tainui*", arriving in Wellington in 1914 and travelling by train to Te Kuiti. From there they seem to have gone straight to Piopio where some of the early family members already had accommodation. Alfred was not at all happy and that first night, he "paced the floor all night." There were eleven to sleep in the place. He decided eventually to return to Auckland, however his wife Elizabeth Ann NASH said simply "Alf, I'm not moving." That decided things.

A factor here could have been that Alfred and Elizabeth had asked their new son-in-law Walter ASPLIN to arrange land for them (and sent money out for this), he arranged this, establishing the family at a farm at Piopio, but instead of owning the land it had only been leased for some 20 or 25

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<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth MORGAN (b. 1928) (later WHITTLE, then HUNTER) spent a lot of time with her Humberstone grandparents from 1946-52 before getting married to first husband Ashly in 1952.

<sup>3</sup> This was pre-1933, British currency was then used in New Zealand so they could just arrive with it. Not sure there were passports at that time.

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*Figure 19: The old wind mill, Auckland (FGR 5456), Frank Duncan real photo postcard (HB0379)*

years from the Māori owners. This was probably not what Alf and Elizabeth wanted. This would have meant the end of the lease in around 1939. Rufus HUMBERSTONE (and his wife Lily) ended up working on the farm. Later Rufus and Lily moved to Panmure and then to Takapuna.

There had been a rumour locally at the time (Piopio) that the family name might have been "Humberstein," this is just before the First World War with considerable anti-German (and probably anti-Jewish) feeling. However as soon as any of them opened their mouths and the Lincolnshire accent emerged this was soon put to rest.

The newly arrived younger children starting attending local schools. Alfred also took a serious

interest in the education of both his sons and daughters and was on the school board. The children had to ride to school and Auntie Jo had a horse called "Dolly" which was a problem to catch when they needed to ride her.

Before 1930 Alfred and Elizabeth Ann were running a fish and chip shop in Auckland, in Karangahape Road but returned to Te Kuiti after that. Nance and Jo (youngest daughters) and other relatives worked in Auckland: Jo worked at Rendell's (a department store), Phyllis FOUNTAIN worked at Masco's wool shop and Nance worked at a fish and chip shop on Karangahape Road.

The purchase of a house at 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti, was made in 1935 twenty years after they arrived.<sup>4</sup> The house was painted and wall-papered by Alfred and Elizabeth Ann themselves. It had pressed tin ceilings (remembered by both Elizabeth and Diana) and in one room decorations of the four seasons are found. By 1935 the Labour government had turned things around so that was perhaps a precipitating reason, trust in the ability to get work. The house is still there today (2013), see Figures 24-27 on pages 32,33 for some older images and a recent one.

Eric was married from the HUMBERSTONE house in Seddon Street in the Te Kuiti Anglican Church to Ethel HONE who had been working with the family in the house (young Bob Chessum was asked to be the fourteenth guest so that an unlucky thirteen were not in attendance). Eric's wedding was a bit unusual, his father and (other?) brothers came and left early, so his brother Rufus had to walk him down the aisle.

At Piopio a decision had to be made about which church to go to, so Elizabeth Ann went around

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<sup>4</sup> As yet, details of the first farm they stayed on (at Wairere) have not been traced.



listening to all the sermons and then decided that the Church of England one sounded the best, so from then on they went there. Auntie Gert and others married in the Anglican Church in Te Kuiti.

Kate McDONALD ("Auntie Kit") and Donald McDONALD had land at Waimiha, because of a ballot for World War I ex-servicemen. Donald also worked as a blacksmith at Piopio for a time. Their place crossed the Ongarue River and so was on both sides of the road. At one point Tom HUMBERSTONE had to be carried across that river by a local Māori helper. Kit had a number of miscarriages but never had children. They sold eggs for extra cash, Auntie Kit always held the purse strings. They had a hand separator for milk and cream and made their own butter. They had a wood stove (an "Orion") (tin chimney) and there was always a kettle on and always a old kerosene tin half filled with water to heat up. They also had a woolshed there and the car was in a garage by that, there was a steep path up from the road and the area was somewhat rocky. There were horses on the farm, one of them was called "Darkey."

Elizabeth said the farm was on the right side of the road coming from Glenmore, Waimiha passing the well-known Endean's timber mill. The house being up a hill from the road. The water supply was from the creek and there were two lamps with tin behind them for light and a candle the only source in the bedroom. There was no bathroom and no laundry. Baths were a weekly event. They built a small room

back by the woolshed for Auntie Nance and Dick HARRIS to live in.

When the Second World War started, immediately the price of cars doubled. At that time wages were around £4 per week.

At Christmas 1945 Biddy and Gladys (both widows by then) purchased the villa at 4 Rocklands Avenue, Balmoral. This is where Alfred HUMBERSTONE died in 1948 and Elizabeth Ann in 1952 and several photographs of the funeral procession survive (see Figures 28, 30-33 on pages 34-35).

"Uncle Pell" (married Mary) had a boot repair shop in Te Kuiti. The shop was on Sheridan street a few steps from the main street in Te Kuiti, on the right going up from the station. Gladys also had a dairy on the same street (on the opposite side) facing the movie theatre. Elizabeth remembers the ice cream for the shop coming down on the train from Hamilton. At one point though there was a case against or a fine imposed on Pell because one of them was selling grog on the side (illegally). Later on Uncle Pell lived in a house up the hill behind Te Kuiti.

Auntie Jo (Josephine) married Les TATTERSFIELD and was the mother of Claudia. They lived at Buller Street (Wellington). They owned the house and lived there many years. Uncle Les continued to live there for a few years after Auntie Jo's death. He then re-married and lived in Levin.

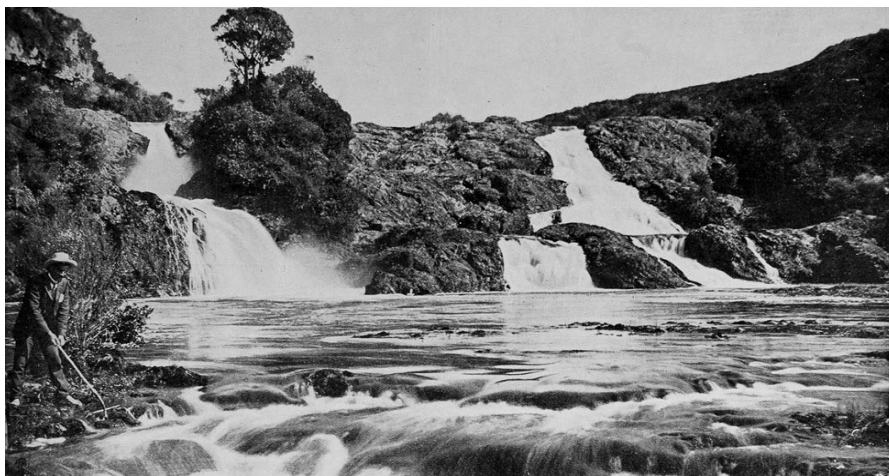
## PHOTOS FROM THE TIME IN TE KUITI



*Figure 20: The earliest known photo of the HUMBERSTONE family in New Zealand, most likely taken around 1915 at Wairere Falls (20 km from Te Kuiti) L to R: front Tom, Jo, Eric; back Gert, Biddy, Gladys, Arthur ASPLIN, Walter CHESSUM, Alfred HUMBERSTONE, Walter FOUNTAIN. (HB0019)*



*Figure 21: Another image from the day of the Wairere picnic, Biddy being helped across a stream. (HB0226)*



*Figure 22: The site of the picnic in the previous two images, the Wairere Falls in 1908, this image from the Auckland weekly news (30 January 1908) with the caption "One of the little-known beauties of the Mokau river: the Wairere Falls, situated some 20 miles from Te Kuiti." (Source: Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, AWNS-19080130-13-1). (HB0347)*



# 3. NEW ZEALAND LIFE

(1914-1950s)

The notes below put together what information we have on the places the family were living, it is incomplete and more can no doubt be added with further research.

## TE KUITI

At the time the family arrived in the Te Kuiti area it was still something of a frontier town, the railway had come through late, roads and farmland were gradually being opened up.



Figure 23: Postcard of the main street in Te Kuiti about the time the HUMBERSTONE family arrived in 1914, railway station visible on the right at the base of the telegraph pole. (HB0062)



### WAIRERE: (NEAR TE KUITI AND PIOPIO) (1914)

In 1914-1919, almost as soon as they arrive, members of the HUMBERSTONE family appear in the Te Kuiti electoral rolls as living at Wairere (towards Piopio), at the one location are registered Alfred, Elizabeth Ann, Gladys and Kate HUMBERSTONE (the other children were too young to register). The children are attending Wairere school and the daughters who become teachers ride out to teach at Piopio, and Arapae. However, no details of which house they were living in at this time have been traced so far.

The FOUNTAIN family who arrived with them on the *Tainui* do not appear in the electoral rolls at this time and it is not possible to know where they were staying, since Maurice Ranshaw FOUNTAIN was a bootmaker he could have had (temporary?) employment somewhere.

### AUCKLAND: 233 KARANGAHAPE ROAD (1928)

This was most likely a fish and chip shop or restaurant (perhaps with a boot business nearby), in 1928 Alfred is listed as a manager living there along with Elizabeth Ann who gives “married” as her occupation, Hannah (i.e. Nance) is listed as a “spinster” and Pell as a “boot repairer.” No further details traced so far. The FOUNTAIN family is also registered as living at this address in 1928, at least Walter, and Biddy Elizabeth (his wife). Pell HUMBERSTONE is also listed as living at 7 Hayden Street, Freeman’s Bay (Auckland) at this time, perhaps he lived there but was also registered at the shop.

### TE KUITI: 17 SEDDON STREET (1935-1948)

The first house traced to belong to the HUMBERSTONE family is 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti. The house is still standing today (2015). According to the title deeds, it was purchased by Alfred HUMBERSTONE, of Te Kuiti, farmer and his wife Elizabeth Ann on 17 May 1935 from one George Churcher who had purchased it on 20th December 1934. The date the house was built is not clear but family information is that Alfred and Elizabeth Ann re-wallpapered the house themselves. Diana WILES (née HUMBERSTONE) remembers the pressed tin ceilings very well and rolling down a small bank on the front lawn. The Humberstones had a mortgage to the Bank of Australia Limited for an unknown amount which was later transferred to the Mortgage Corporation of New Zealand (date illegible). Eventually this was discharged.

On 14 February 1944 the property changed hands and daughter Kate McDONALD (wife of Donald McDONALD of Waimiha, farmer) became the new owner, but only until 28 September 1948 when it left the family.



*Figure 24: HUMBERSTONE house at 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti (date uncertain, 1940s?), probably Dick HARRIS beside Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) with the motorbike on the right. (HB0020)*



*Figure 25: 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti, in the late 1930s, Elizabeth MORGAN on the steps. (HB0238)*



*Figure 26: More grandchildren staying at 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti, grandsons Jack (b. 1933) and Barry HUMBERSTONE (1937-1951) on the doorstep: estimated date early- to mid-1940s. (HB0359)*



*Figure 27: Former HUMBERSTONE house at 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti (photographed in 2011). (HB0021)*



### AUCKLAND: 4 ROCKLANDS AVENUE, MOUNT EDEN (1946-LATE-1950s)

The 1946 electoral rolls give Alfred and Elizabeth Ann as living here, with Alfred “retired.” The title deed shows that the property had been purchased by their two daughters, Biddy Elizabeth FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) and Gladys Ruby MORGAN (née HUMBERSTONE), “widows” on 16th May 1946. In 1944 Gladys’s husband Arthur MORGAN had died and by 1946 she and daughter Elizabeth were living at the Rocklands Avenue house with Alfred and Elizabeth Ann. Gladys’s daughter Elizabeth (b. 1928) has many memories of this time and the household. In 1946 Biddy was still registered as living at 22 Oxtan Road, but by 1956 she too had moved into the Rocklands Avenue house.

On 22 September 1948 Alfred HUMBERSTONE died in the house itself from a heart condition (less than a month after he turned 84). The funeral departed from the house as the photos show (Figures 28,30). He was buried at the top of Hillsborough Cemetery.

On 1 July 1952 Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE also died in the house (of a stroke) and her funeral also left from the house (see figures 31-33 right), she was buried beside her husband in Hillsborough Cemetery. The funeral was the first time all the sons and all the daughters could be reunited and photographs were taken at the back of the house (see section five below).

The house (built around 1910) was eventually sold by Biddy and Gladys in March 1960 about the same time that sister Kate and her husband Donald McDONALD moved to Tamaki Road, where all three sisters lived after about 1961. Sometime after 1967 the house in Rocklands Avenue was demolished and a carpark built on the site.



*Figure 28: The hearse carrying Alfred HUMBERSTONE's casket leaving 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Eden in September 1948 for Hillsborough Cemetery. (HB0025)*



*Figure 29: View similar to Figure 28, the image is from Google Earth (2014): note the edge of the building on the right which helps confirm the vantage point is somewhat similar. (HB0025A)*





Figure 30: HUMBERSTONE house at 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Eden, this is the funeral of Alfred HUMBERSTONE (d. 22 September 1948). (HB0024)



Figure 31: 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Eden (house in the centre) on the occasion of the funeral of Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE (d. 1 July 1952). (HB0027)



Figure 32: 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Eden on the occasion of the funeral of Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE (d. 1 July 1952). (HB0322)



Figure 33: Funeral of Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE in July 1952 from 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Eden, six HUMBERSTONE sons as pall-bearers (L to R, front to back) Tom, Pell (obscured), Ernie, Rufus (in front), Fawn, Eric. (HB0026)



## 4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

### ALFRED HUMBERSTONE

**Alfred HUMBERSTONE was born on 30 August 1864 in Heckington (Lincolnshire), the fifth son of Thomas HUMBERSTONE (1829-1911) and Elizabeth ("Biddy") WILSON (1831-1920) (see Figure 67 below for a summary chart of Alfred's immediate family).**

Eventually there would be eight boys and five girls from this marriage. Alfred's parents had married in Lincolnshire on 1 April 1852. Alfred's father Thomas gave his occupation as "boot hawker" on Alfred's birth certificate, however on the 1871 and other census returns and on his death certificate in 1911 Thomas's occupation is given as either "agricultural labourer" or "market gardener." Biddy was at one point a sausage and pie maker living on the Boston Road in Heckington.

In the 1861 census Thomas HUMBERSTONE (1829-1911) and Biddy (1831-1920) were living in "East Fen", Great Hale with their first few children (see Figure 37). By the 1871 census of England (Figure 38 below), at the age of seven, Alfred is living with his parents Thomas and Biddy along with six other siblings on the Fen Road, Heckington, Lincolnshire. The neighbours in the census are agricultural labourers, a blacksmith, a cobbler etc. (trades which will involve members of the Humberstone family thereafter).

By the time of the 1881 Census of England (Figure 39) Alfred (aged 16) has moved out of the home and is listed as a boarder still living in Heckington (St. Andrew's Road), he gives his occupation as a "miller" boarding with one William Bembridge (engine driver) and his wife Mary and their young son Ernest. Alfred has apparently moved out of home.

By 1884 Alfred (now 20 years old) marries Elizabeth Ann NASH (19 years old) in the Sleaford Registry Office, Lincolnshire. No photos from Alfred's early life have yet been discovered, the earliest we have is in New Zealand and seems to date from 1920 (Figure 34).



*Figure 34: The earliest known datable photo of Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) in New Zealand (aged about 56) at his daughter Gertrude's wedding in Te Kuiti, New Zealand on 5th April 1920. (HB0028)*

## ELIZABETH ANN NASH

**Elizabeth Ann NASH was born on 25 June 1865 in Heckington near Sleaford, Lincolnshire, eldest daughter of William NASH (1837-1892), a “journeyman baker” and Hannah TOPPS (1841-1869). She had two brothers (another had died in infancy) and one sister (Hannah). Elizabeth Ann’s mother died when Ann was just four and she seems to have lived with her grandmother, Ann NASH (1807-1879) see Figure 3 above for a chart of Elizabeth Ann’s family.**

In 1871 (aged five) Elizabeth Ann is shown in the census living with her grandmother Ann NASH in the High Street in Heckington. Anne’s older brother Joseph (1863-1876) was also living there. At that time Ann NASH gives her occupation as “retired from business” while her son (Elizabeth Ann’s paternal uncle) Franklin Bonner NASH (1840-1880) was also resident there is a “miller and baker,” he never married.

In the 1881 census, at the age of 15, and after the death of her grandmother in 1879, Elizabeth Ann is a scholar (i.e. a school student) and staying with Eliza Barnatt Barnes, an elderly widow also living on the Heckington High Street.

Alfred and Elizabeth Ann married on 9 December 1884 in the Sleaford Registry Office, the marriage document witnessed by both of Alfred’s parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (see Figure 36). There is no indication of the presence of any of Elizabeth Ann’s family. The family story is that they “ran away” to get married, however the marriage was apparently later accepted by Elizabeth Ann’s family.

In the 1891 British census the couple are living in the nearby village of Sutterton, in Wigtoft Road, where Alfred gives his occupation as “miller” (Figure 40 below). At this point they have four children, Alfred (5 years old), Ethel (4) (both of them are termed “scholars”), Biddy Elizabeth (3), and Kate (1). Elizabeth Ann was known as “Mam” by the family.

In 1892 Elizabeth Ann’s father (William NASH (1837-1892)) died and it may have been at that time that she inherited money or property. By that time also her father’s only surviving brother, Franklin Bonner NASH (1840-1880), had also died leaving an estate of less than £100. In 1892 Elizabeth Ann had only one brother living, William (1861-1934) who never married, and one sister, Hannah (1868-1928) who had married Edwin TEAT.<sup>1</sup>



*Figure 35: (Above) Earliest known photo of Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) (aged about 56) on the occasion of her daughter Kate’s wedding (in Te Kuiti) on 18 January 1921. (HB0029)*

<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth Ann’s father (William NASH 1837-1892) had remarried though and his second wife, Sarah Upton COOK (1838-1916) had had a son Francis James NASH (1881-1967)—Elizabeth Ann’s brother William (1861-1934) was living with this his step-mother and half-brother in Kirkby-la-Thorpe, Lincolnshire as local miller and baker (See Figure 3 above)..



Book, No. 5 Page 40 Certificate of Marriage.

1884 Marriage solemnized at The Register Office in the District of SEAFORD in the County of LINCOLN.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
80	9th December 1884	Alfred Humberstone	20 years	Bachelor	Miller	Seckington	Thomas Humberstone	Market Gardener
		Elizabeth Ann Stash	19 years	Spinster	—	Seckington	William Stash	Miller

Married in the Register Office according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the by Alfred Stash before by me,

This Marriage was Solemnized between us. { Alfred Humberstone } In the presence of us. { J Humberstone } Joseph Morris Registrar

{ Elizabeth Ann Stash } { E Humberstone } Edmund Morris Deputy Registrar

I Certify the above to be a correct Copy.

Extracted this Seventh day of October 1884 Chas. Morris 1890

Figure 36: 1895 copy of the marriage certificate of Alfred and Elizabeth Ann (on 9 December 1884): the witnesses appear to be Alfred's parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Humberstone. (HB0035)

By 1901 Alfred and Elizabeth Ann are living in a house beside a mill in Seadyke Road (Figures 1, 5-7), at the corner with Furlong's Lane, where many of the children are born. An annotation on the census paper shows there was a windmill there for grinding corn (second column in Figure 41, for an image probably taken beside that mill see Figure 4). See also Appendix 6.4.

Living with them are their children:

1. Alfred F. (15 years old) as a "miller & baker's son"
2. Ethel M. (the word "worker" is beside her name but crossed out) (14)
3. Biddy E. is 12 and attends school, as do
4. Kate (11)
5. Gertrude B. (9)
6. Gladys R. (7), other children are
7. Rufus M. (*sic*) (5)
8. Earnest (3)
9. Pell W. (1) and
10. Hannah (6 months)

The neighbours on the street are mostly agricultural labourers, a wheelwright, and one or two neighbours are on "parish relief."

In 1911 the family are still living in the mill house on

Seadyke Road (Figure 42 below), but on the night of the census Elizabeth Ann is not home. The eldest son Alfred Franklin had moved out by then and was living nearby in the village of Wrangle with his wife and children. Alfred senior is a baker, his eldest daughter Biddy is now 23 and married to Walter R. FOUNTAIN. Kate HUMBERSTONE is 21 and a school teacher at the County Council Elementary School in West Keal, Gertrude (19) is a baker's assistant, Gladys (17) is at school in Boston, Rufus (15) is a farm labourer "at home," Ernest (13), Pell (11), Hannah (10), Tom Jack (6) are all at school in Old Leake, while the younger children are merely listed (Eric Sleightholm (3) and Josephine May (2)). According to the census form their house has eight rooms (excluding landings etc.).

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village	Hamber or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of
Great Hale	Great Hale	Great Hale	Great Hale	Great Hale	Great Hale	Great Hale

No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
		No. of House	No. of Person				Male	Female			
6	South Fen Qo.	1	2	William Riear	Head	Man	77	17	Farmer	Lincolnshire	
				Elizabeth Riear	Wife	Woman	28		Farmer's Wife	Lincolnshire	
7	Qo.	1	3	Joseph McWilliam	Serv.	Man	17		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				Edward Johnson	Head	Man	58		Farmer	Qo. Great Hale	
				Elizabeth Johnson	Wife	Woman	58		Farmer's Wife	Qo. Great Hale	
				Edward Johnson	Serv.	Man	31		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				William Johnson	Serv.	Man	18		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				James Johnson	Serv.	Man	16		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
8		1	4	Joseph Harris	Head	Man	25		Farmer	Lincolnshire	
				Elizabeth Harris	Wife	Woman	28		Farmer's Wife	Qo. Great Hale	
				Robert Harris	Serv.	Man	27		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				George Harris	Serv.	Man	22		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				Thomas Harris	Serv.	Man	19		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				Richard Harris	Serv.	Man	16		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
9	East Fen	1	5	Richard Pell	Head	Man	52		Farmer	Qo. Great Hale	
				Mary Pell	Wife	Woman	49		Farmer's Wife	Qo. Great Hale	
				George Pell	Serv.	Man	13		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				Elizabeth Pell	Serv.	Woman	6		Farmer's Daughter	Qo. Great Hale	
*10	Qo.	1	6	Thomas Thurstons	Head	Man	31		Farmer	Qo. Great Hale	
				Richard Thurstons	Serv.	Man	29		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				Joseph Thurstons	Serv.	Man	7		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				Mary Thurstons	Serv.	Woman	5		Farmer's Daughter	Qo. Great Hale	
				Edmund Thurstons	Serv.	Man	3		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
				Pell	Serv.	Man	2		Farmer's Son	Qo. Great Hale	
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Figure 37: 1861 census of England, page for Great Hale, Lincolnshire, Thomas HUMBERSTONE (1829-1911) and Biddy (1831-1920) are living in "East Fen" with their first few children; Thomas is an agricultural labourer; daughter Constance C HUMBERSTONE is on the next page. (HB0383)



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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish (or Township) of

City or Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town of Village		Hamlet or Tything, &c., of		Ecclesiastical District of	
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind or Deaf and Dumb
		No. of Houses	No. of Persons				Males	Females			
	East Street			William C. Kimbston	Owner					Leeds	
				Edmund Jeffery	Worker					Leeds	
				Charles Bailey	Head					Leeds	
				Mary A. B.	Wife					Leeds	
				Charles W. B.	Son					Leeds	
				John Thomas	Son					Leeds	
				John J. North	Son					Leeds	
				Alfred Lewis	Son					Leeds	
				Stephen Madsen	Son					Leeds	
				William Kimbston	Son					Leeds	
				Alfred B.	Son					Leeds	
				Alfred Villanor	Son					Leeds	
				William B.	Son					Leeds	
				John L. B.	Son					Leeds	
				Harriet M. B.	Son					Leeds	
				William Kimbston	Head					Leeds	
				Sarah B.	Wife					Leeds	
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				Thomas B.	Son					Leeds	
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Figure 37B: The next page of the 1861 census returns shows Constance C HUMBERSTONE (carried over from the previous page) as well as other family members living very close by: one William HUMBERSTONE aged 18 (b. 1843) is a servant, a plowman while a HUMBERSTONE family at Old Park House is William (1824-1893), Thomas's (1829-1911) brother. (HB0384)

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										[Page 9]			
Civil Parish (or Township) of		Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town of		Village or Hamlet, &c., of		Whether	
Humberstone		Humberstone		Humberstone		Humberstone		Humberstone		Humberstone		Whether	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether	1. Deaf-and-Dumb 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Idiot 4. Lunatic			
		1. In use 2. In use 3. In use 4. In use				Males							
44	1 Fen Road	1	James Humberstone	Head	Single	41	Ag. Lab.	St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Wife	Mar.	39		St. Mary's					
			Edith Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	11		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	8		St. Mary's					
			Alfred Humberstone	Son	Mar.	7		St. Mary's					
			James Humberstone	Son	Mar.	5		St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	3		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	1		St. Mary's					
45	1 Fen Road	1	James Humberstone	Head	Single	41	Ag. Lab.	St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Wife	Mar.	39		St. Mary's					
			Edith Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	11		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	8		St. Mary's					
			Alfred Humberstone	Son	Mar.	7		St. Mary's					
			James Humberstone	Son	Mar.	5		St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	3		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	1		St. Mary's					
46	1 Fen Road	1	James Humberstone	Head	Single	41	Ag. Lab.	St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Wife	Mar.	39		St. Mary's					
			Edith Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	11		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	8		St. Mary's					
			Alfred Humberstone	Son	Mar.	7		St. Mary's					
			James Humberstone	Son	Mar.	5		St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	3		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	1		St. Mary's					
47	1 Fen Road	1	James Humberstone	Head	Single	41	Ag. Lab.	St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Wife	Mar.	39		St. Mary's					
			Edith Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	11		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	8		St. Mary's					
			Alfred Humberstone	Son	Mar.	7		St. Mary's					
			James Humberstone	Son	Mar.	5		St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	3		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	1		St. Mary's					
48	1 Fen Road	1	James Humberstone	Head	Single	41	Ag. Lab.	St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Wife	Mar.	39		St. Mary's					
			Edith Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	11		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	8		St. Mary's					
			Alfred Humberstone	Son	Mar.	7		St. Mary's					
			James Humberstone	Son	Mar.	5		St. Mary's					
			Elizabeth Humberstone	Daughter	Mar.	3		St. Mary's					
			John Humberstone	Son	Mar.	1		St. Mary's					
Total of Houses...		5	Total of Males and Females...		12	12							

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Figure 38: 1871 Census page for Fen Road, Heckington, Lincolnshire showing the HUMBERSTONE family with Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) aged 7. (HB0382)



Civil Parish (or Township) of Heckington

City or Municipal Borough of Heckington

Municipal Ward of Heckington

Parliamentary Borough of Heckington

Town or Village or Hamlet of Heckington

Urban Sanitary District of Heckington

Rural Sanitary District of Heckington

Locustational Parish or District of Heckington

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No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, ALLEY, or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES in the street or place at (a)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON. DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic or Idiot (4) Female
147	St Andrews Rd	1	William Bentley	Head	Mar	27	Engine Driver	Lincoln Heckington	
			Mary Do	Wife	Mar	25		Do	
			Ernest W. Do	Son	Mar	3		Do	
*			Alfred Humbertson	Boarder	Mar	18	Miller	Do	
148		1	Anna Agnew	Head	Mar	35	Ag Lab	Do	
			John Do	Wife	Mar	35		Do	
			John Do	Son	Mar	11	Scholar	Do	
			James Do	Son	Mar	9	Scholar	Do	
			Joseph Do	Son	Mar	6	Do	Do	
			Thomas Do	Son	Mar	3	Do	Do	
			Emma Do	Son	Mar	1	Do	Do	
149		1	David Dickman	Head	Mar	36	Ag Lab	Do	
			Mary Do	Wife	Mar	36		Do	
			William Do	Son	Mar	12	Ag Lab	Do	
			Robert Do	Son	Mar	9	Scholar	Do	
			George Do	Son	Mar	7	Do	Do	
			James Do	Son	Mar	6	Do	Do	
			Thomas Do	Son	Mar	3	Do	Do	
			Barbara Do	Son	Mar	1	Do	Do	
150		1	John Clark	Head	Mar	36	Ag Lab	Do	
151		1	Charles Wright	Head	Mar	36	Ag Lab	Do	
			Edna Do	Wife	Mar	24		Do	
			Elizabeth Do	Son	Mar	6	Scholar	Do	
			John Do	Son	Mar	2	Do	Do	
5	Total of Houses...	5				19			
			Total of Males and Females...			19			

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish of Sutton Municipal Borough of Sutton Parliamentary Borough or Division of Sutton Electoral Parish or District of Sutton

No. of ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES		NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- TINUTION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	SEX	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed or Unemployed	Where BORN	Remarks (1) Deceased-Dumb (2) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot	
	No.	Value of House (£)										
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			Henry	Son		16	M	Do		Do		
			Arthur	Son		14	M	Do		Do		
			Edith	Daughter		12	F	Do		Do		
			William	Son		10	M	Do		Do		
			James	Son		8	M	Do		Do		
48 Do	1	1	Alfred Blount	Head	Mar	44	M	Ag. & C. Blount	X	Sutton		
49 Do	1	1	Andrew Blount	Head	Mar	44	M	Do		Do		
			William	Son		18	M	Do		Do		
			Henry	Son		16	M	Do		Do		
			Edith	Daughter		14	F	Do		Do		
			William	Son		12	M	Do		Do		
50 Wiggall	1	1	James Wiggall	Head	Mar	44	M	Farmer & Miller	X	Wiggall		
			William	Son		18	M	Do		Do		
			Henry	Son		16	M	Do		Do		
			Edith	Daughter		14	F	Do		Do		
			William	Son		12	M	Do		Do		
			James	Son		10	M	Do		Do		
			Elizabeth	Daughter		8	F	Do		Do		
			William	Son		6	M	Do		Do		
			James	Son		4	M	Do		Do		
			Elizabeth	Daughter		2	F	Do		Do		
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			Henry	Son		16	M	Do		Do		
			Edith	Daughter		14	F	Do		Do		
			William	Son		12	M	Do		Do		
			James	Son		10	M	Do		Do		
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			William	Son		6	M	Do		Do		
			James	Son		4	M	Do		Do		
			Elizabeth	Daughter		2	F	Do		Do		
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Reference: RG12/2570

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Figure 40: 1891 Census of England, Sutterton, Lincolnshire, showing Alfred and Elizabeth Ann's family a few years after their marriage. Alfred is a miller and they already have four children. (HB0031)



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Parliamentary Borough or Division

County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District

Ward of Municipal Borough and Urban District

Rural District

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Figure 42: 1911 census of England shows the youngest members of the family of Alfred and Elizabeth Ann are now present, but some of the older ones have already left the household; the seven youngest children have all been born in Old Leake. (HB0036)



The next big event in the life of the family that we know about is the migration to New Zealand in 1914. What was the reason for this major step, when both Alfred and Elizabeth Ann were nearly fifty years old? According to family tradition the process began when one daughter Ethel (1886-1970), aged 24, left England in late-1910 to follow her soon-to-be husband Walter Thomas ASPLIN to New Zealand. He had left England in 1906 and by 1908 ran a smithy in Piopio. Ethel and Walter married in Hamilton in 1910 (see section 5.2 below on page 91). Ethel wrote back encouraging letters and postcards with comments about how much easier life was in New Zealand compared to the difficulties in Lincolnshire, according to Elizabeth MORGAN, Ethel was also missing the large family she was used to being with.

Gladys (1893-1983) then aged 20, followed her sister out to New Zealand, leaving England on the *Ionic* on the 4th December 1913. Just four months later the entire family set out from London for Wellington, New Zealand (see page 19 above). Alfred had already sent ahead money to Ethel and Walter ASPLIN to purchase a farm for the family. There is also a story in the family that Alfred did not want his children to go into "service," having been a stablehand himself earlier on in life and that was a major part of deciding to leave Lincolnshire. Earlier census papers do show HUMBERSTONE relatives in service in Great Hale (Figure 37B above).

Another sister, Biddy had married Walter Ranshaw FOUNTAIN in Lincolnshire in 1911, they had two small children and they also came out on the same ship. The details of the travelling families are recorded in the passenger list (all of them travelling 3rd class and all to disembark in Wellington), the age given is that on the preceding birthday (for the original list see Figure 12):

Kate HUMBERSTONE	23	domestic
Gertrude HUMBERSTONE	22	domestic
Alf[red] HUMBERSTONE	49	farmer
Mrs HUMBERSTONE	48	wife
Rufus HUMBERSTONE	18	son
Ernest HUMBERSTONE	16	son
Pell HUMBERSTONE	14	son
Hannah HUMBERSTONE	11	child
Tom HUMBERSTONE	8	child
Eric HUMBERSTONE	6	child
Josephine HUMBERSTONE	5	child

Walter FOUNTAIN	30	farming [sic]
Mrs [Biddy] FOUNTAIN	25	wife
Ernest FOUNTAIN	2	child
Phyllis FOUNTAIN	1	child

Why Kate and Gertrude are listed separately from the family listing is unclear, perhaps they were entitled to a separate cabin, no details are now known. On the trip out Gertrude kept a log of the miles travelled each day and her descendents still have a copy of the original passenger list from this voyage (see pages 22-24 above).

The route they took from Wellington to Te Kuiti is not known, perhaps they entrained in Wellington and arrived directly from there. According to current family information, on arrival near Te Kuiti there was a major disappointment for Alfred, instead of purchasing land for them Walter ASPLIN had arranged a 25 year lease on a piece of Māori land that the family were then to farm. Whatever the goings on, the family were soon set up at Wairere (between Te Kuiti and Piopio) and a number of the younger children went to school there. Daughters Gladys and Kate taking almost immediate steps to become school teachers in the local area and Walter FOUNTAIN setting up as a bootmaker in Te Kuiti.



Figure 43: Te Kuiti railway station about how it looked when the family arrived in May 1914, (FGR postcard PC43). (HB0217)

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Figure 44:  
View of Rora  
Street, Te Kuiti  
(between  
1908 and 1912  
probably)  
with business  
premises and  
shops on the  
left and the  
railway station  
on the right,  
photograph  
taken by William  
Archer Price  
(reference  
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000789-G):  
Price Collection,  
Alexander  
Turnbull Library.  
(HB0428)

It is clear Alfred and Elizabeth Ann took an interest in the education of their children, their daughters certainly benefited from attention to this area, Gladys had already qualified as a teacher in England and was now employed in a sole charge school.

In 1917 Alfred was appointed to the local school board while living at Wairere. In 1922 too Alfred HUMBERSTONE was elected to the same board, along with other locals (*New Zealand Herald*, Volume LIX, Issue 18078, 1 May 1922, Page 3).

The consolidation of country schools and the need to transport children to them began in May 1925 with the consolidation of schools in the Piopio area. The Humberstone children were still in the Piopio area at this time so would, it seems, have been taken in to the Piopio school.

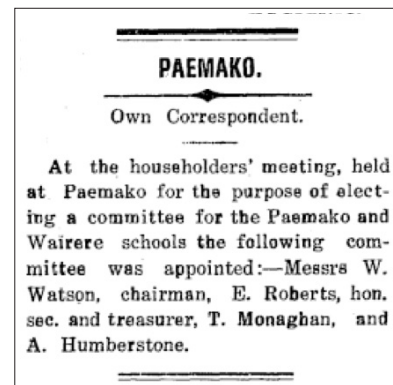


Figure 45:  
Extract from.  
King Country  
Chronicle, 9 May  
1917, Page 5.  
(HB0399)

The following is an account of their original school at Wairere published in 1969:

*Opened in 1910, the Wairere School was located on the corner of the Paekaka and Aria roads. It was built by the settlers from timber obtained from a patch of bush on the Paekaka Road. The building lacked adequate space and lighting and was replaced about 1912 with a school provided by the Auckland Education Board. This school was placed further back from the road than the original building. When the Kohua Road School consolidated on Piopio in 1939 the Wairere School [building] was taken to Kohua Road to serve as a garage for the Departmental bus stationed there and is still in use for this purpose [1969].*

*The first teacher at Wairere was Mr Leigerwood who appeared to believe in the theory that nature was a good teacher and pupils were given plenty of time to explore and discover from the natural surroundings. It was a vastly different approach to instruction when Mr EE Funkee took charge of the school on a three day system at Paemako and Wairere. Discipline was firm, the instruction sound and the pupils benefited greatly from his term at the School. His name is much respected by the pupils who were taught by him. Another good teacher was Mr FA Tocker (BA) who lived near Aria and taught three days a week at Wairere and three at Rotopotaka School, on the Mokau river a few miles from Aria. Usually he came on horseback to Wairere but quite frequently he walked. Sometimes his wife and four children came with him. One of the last teachers was Mr Dan Minogue who was also a capable teacher. When the School opened the MacKenzie, Leith, Helleur and Milner children were the first pupils. Later on children from the well-known HUMBERSTONE, Cocking, MacKenzie and Lydon families attended the School, which closed down in April 1924 to consolidate with Piopio. Mr A. Humberstone was the Wairere member on the School Committee of the Consolidated School in 1924.*

*Let Mrs Woodhouse, née Edith MacKenzie, an ex-pupil, conclude this account of her old school. "There were not any trees or gardens around the small one roomed building and the playground was also the horse paddock as some of the pupils lived some distance away and rode on horseback. Our home was only about half a mile up the Paekaka Road so we walked to School. The only games were rounders and football, so boys and girls played both games. However, football was banned for the girls after a strong youth about fifteen years of age, wearing hob-nailed boots, trod on my sister's face. After that the boys played barefoot. The only diversion from school work was the annual picnic when we had races and lolly scrambles. Each pupil, and I do not think there were ever more than twenty at our school, received a book. How we treasured those books! I have just looked on the bookshelves and find my most treasured books from one of those picnics. The book is called 'The misdoings of Micky and Mac' by Isobel M. Peacock. I read that book dozens of times, and in those days we did not have many books. The school library consisted of about a dozen books on a shelf in the cupboard. It was due to Mr Tocker's influences that I have always enjoyed English literature." (Piopio school 1909-1984, edited by B. Tegg. Piopio: Piopio College, 1986. p. 83-84).*

A. HUMBERSTONE of Piopio is listed as having 162 sheep on April 1 1930 (he had zero on the same date in 1929).<sup>2</sup> The family members began to work and earn livings in various ways, Alfred and Rufus seem to have focused on the leased farm, the educated elder sisters earning money by teaching, their income apparently supported the family and farming activities for quite some time.

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<sup>2</sup> *Return of sheepowners and of the number of sheep and lambs in each county on the 30th April, 1929 and 1930 (Appendix to the Journal of the House of Representatives, 1930), Waitomo county (p. 29).*

CUMULATION OF PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH



*Figure 46: Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952), portrait taken in New Zealand probably to send back to relatives in England, estimated date 1920s. (HB0037)*



*Figure 47: Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) and Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1865-1948) at the wedding of their daughter Kate (1890-1981) to Donald McDONALD (1892-1969) on 18 January 1921. (HB0030)*





Figure 48: Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) in July 1941. (HB0038)

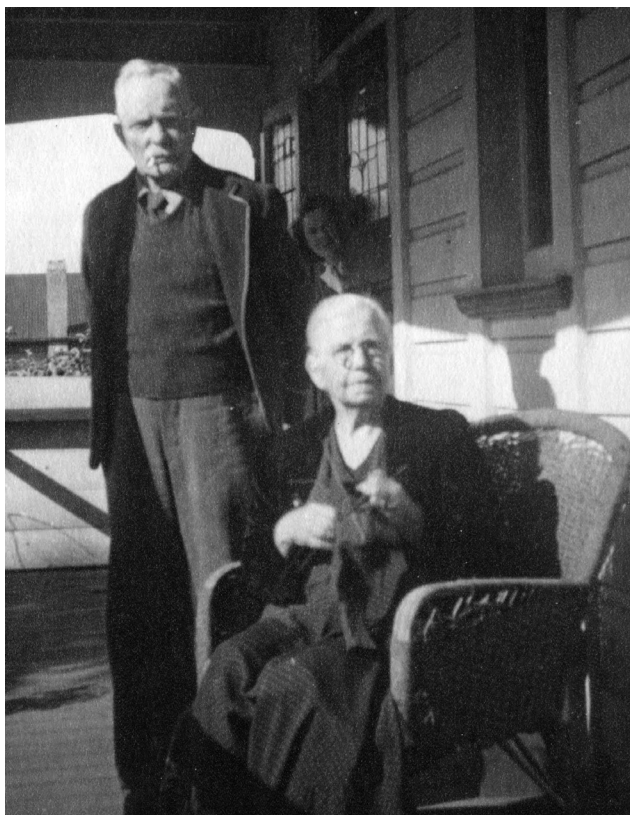
July 1941  
Uncle Alf  
& Aunt Lizzie  
With Love  
To Lizzie

Figure 49: The back of the above image, the handwriting of Elizabeth Ann (1865-1952) (née NASH), sent to England during World War II (possibly to niece Eliza HUMBERSTONE (b. 1890) daughter of Joseph HUMBERSTONE (b. 1854)). (HB0039)



Figure 50: A hand-coloured image of Alfred HUMBERSTONE and Elizabeth Ann in the early 1950s, at the wedding of their granddaughter June HUMBERSTONE (1924-2012) to Geoffrey Alan RICHARDS. (HB0040)

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*Figure 51: Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann (1865-1952) on the front verandah at Seddon Street, Te Kuiti in 1945. Daughter Nance HUMBERSTONE appears in the doorway behind. (HB0041)*



*Figure 52: Alfred and Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE with daughter Ethel ASPLIN (standing); seated Doll ELLERY (née ASPLIN) (1915-1958) and her daughter Barbara ELLERY (b. 1934) (estimated date around 1945). (HB0115)*



Crisis Dec 19/18

My Dear Rufus

Once more I am writing to you and am very pleased to say we have had some letters from you. It seems you got wounded pretty bad. The Verbs they might have missed you but they the Allen look like making him pay for the whole cost of the war well my boy I hope you are going on alright and will soon be back home now you perhaps are on your way now for all this but as we are all well except Mamma and she is a bit and starts at the present moment she is sitting sewing and saying (about her Mamma) I have been riding round moving about at Ball Clearing and I am ploughing. He is ploughing them Islands next to Jimmy's Fence we have got a new plough it is a 14 In and it goes long we have about worn the old one out we have got a lot of the ploughing fixed and we reckon we shall start sitting in the morning of...

Figure 53: First page of a letter written by Alfred HUMBERSTONE to his son Rufus wounded in WWI, December 1918. Kept by Rufus and handed on to his son. The text is transcribed on the following page. (HB0046)

weather permitting the cows are doing real well up to now as we have plenty of feed for them all the other cattle look real well. My friend the calves up this year and they are all right we have 90 but are keeping one for a brace. Jimmy is got most of that paddock ploughed you know that one with the bush track across it I can tell you it is a rough lot but better and the old man are doing it fairly well Alf Wilson is doing all these home work again this year but I think Wilson is going to send him to a private school after a bit won't he be a fine scholar I don't think W.C. is ploughing at Andrew Wilson and is earning a pile of money well I think I have told you about all there is to be seen so I will conclude with very best love to your very boy

from your loving Father A.H.

Figure 54: Second page of a letter written by Alfred HUMBERSTONE to his son Rufus wounded in WWI 1918. (HB0047)

#### 4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

Text of the letter (preceding page) written by Alfred HUMBERSTONE in December 1918 to his son Rufus HUMBERSTONE (1895-1969).

*Piopia, December 11th 1918*

*My dear Rufus*

*Once more I am writing to you and am very pleased to say we have had some letters from you, it seems you got wounded pretty bad, the devils they might have missed you but they the Allies look like making them pay for the whole cost of the war. Well my boy I hope you are going on alright and will soon be back home now you perhaps are on your way now for all they let us know. We are all real well except Nance as she has fits and starts, at the present moment she is sitting sewing and singing ("Sweet Belle Malone"). I have been riding round having a look at Pell's clearing and band [?] ploughing he is ploughing those [?] islands next to Tunny's fence. We have got a new plough it is a 14 inch and it goes lovely, we have about worn the old one out, we have got a lot of the ploughing disced and we reckon we shall start drilling in the middle of next week [Page 2] weather permitting. The cows are doing real well up to now as we have plenty of feed for them, all the other cattle look real well. Erny fixed the calves up this year and they are alright. We have 90 but are keeping one for a bull. Tunny [a neighbour?] has got most of that paddock ploughed you know that one with the bush track across it. I can tell you it is a rough lot, Bertie [?] and the old man are doing it fairly well. Alf Milner [?] is doing all the housework again this year. Milner is going to send him to a private school after a bit, won't he be a fine scholar I don't think. W. C. is ploughing at Andrew Wilson's and is earning a pot of money. Well I have told you about all there is to tell, so I will conclude with very best love to you my boy,*

*From your loving Father A.H.  
[Alfred Humberstone]*

Alfred and Elizabeth Ann seem to have preferred to live in Auckland in later life, following many of the family members there, although it may have been the incentive of better employment that drew family members away from the King Country. They both died while living in the house at 4 Rocklands Avenue jointly owned by their daughters Gladys and Biddy (see page 34-35).

Alfred and Elizabeth Ann were buried in the first few rows at Hillsborough Cemetery at the top of the hill, only a few rows from the edge of Hillsborough road (at the end of a section of asphalt, see the Google maps image on the following page).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>From the Auckland City Council Cemeteries database: names HUMBERSTONE, Alfred, died 22-09-1948 and HUMBERSTONE, Elizabeth Ann aged 84, died 01-07-1952: aged 87 both buried at Hillsborough Cemetery (Area 4 Block K Lot No 8B (Alfred); Area 4 Block K Lot No 8 (Elizabeth Ann) — the transcribed inscriptions read (1) In loving memory of Alfred dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Ann Humberstone died 22 Sept 1948 aged 84 yrs; (2) In loving memory of Elizabeth Ann dearly beloved wife of Alfred Humberstone died 1 July 1952 aged 87 yrs (3) In loving memory of [their daughter] Josephine May (née Humberstone) beloved wife of L A TATTERSFIELD accidentally killed 30 Sept 1956.





Figure 55: Google maps image (2013) of the top corner of Hillsborough Cemetery, Auckland; the HUMBERSTONE graves are in the row of graves showing green grass (bottom centre of image), west of the path at the point where the paved path stops and the grass begins. (HB0048)



Figure 56: The graves of Alfred HUMBERSTONE and Elizabeth Ann, daughter Josephine TATTERSFIELD (1908-1956) is also buried here. (HB0430)



4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

Reproduced here is an aerogramme dated 1954, and which survived in England, it was written by Gladys MORGAN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1893-1983), and sent back to Lincolnshire to update relatives, it reads as below and shows that Elizabeth Ann in later years did look back to Heckington and the mill and life before the migration to New Zealand. Neither Elizabeth nor Alfred ever returned to England after they left it in 1914.

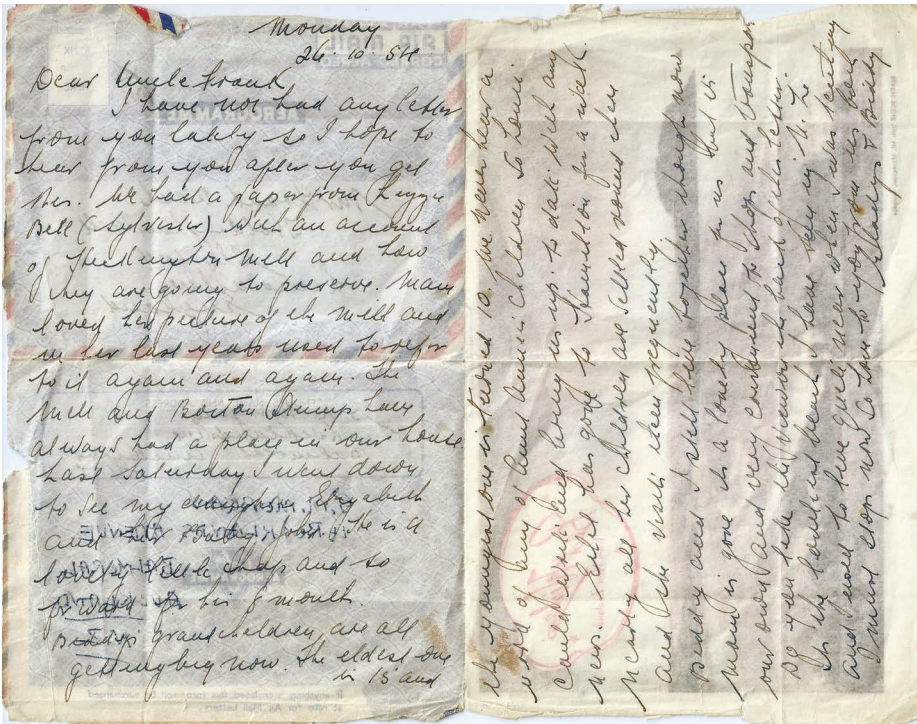


Figure 57: Letter from Gladys MORGAN (née HUMBERSTONE) sent to Mr Frank NASH, Holdingham Mill, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, in England in October 1954. This seems to have been to Francis James NASH (1881-1967) Elizabeth Ann NASH's half brother (from her father's second marriage to Sarah Upton COOK in 1879). "Louie" mentioned here is Louie Elizabeth TEAT (b. 1896), a cousin, daughter of Elizabeth Ann NASH's sister Hannah and her husband Edwin TEAT (b. 1861). Text transcribed on the following page. (HB0061)



Figure 58: The outside of the aerogramme. (HB0296)

Text of the aerogramme (preceding page) written by Gladys MORGAN (née HUMBERSTONE) to Frank NASH in October 1954.

*Monday  
26.10. [19]54*

*Dear Uncle Frank*

*I have not had any letter from you lately so I hope to hear from you after you get this. We had a paper from Lizzie Bell ([née] Sylvester)<sup>4</sup> with an account of Heckington Mill and how they are going to preserve [it]. Mam [Elizabeth Ann NASH] loved her picture of the mill and in her last years used to refer to it again and again. The mill and Boston Stump have always had a place in our house.*

*Last Saturday I went down to see my daughter Elizabeth [WHITTLE] and her baby John [WHITTLE]. He is a lovely little chap and so forward for his 8 months. Biddy's grandchildren are all getting big now. The eldest one is 15 and the youngest one is turned 10. We never hear a word of any of Auntie Annie's children so Louie [?] could write and bring us up-to-date with any news.*

*Ethel has gone to Hamilton for a week. Nearly all her children are settled round there and she visits them regularly.*

*Biddy and I still live together though now Mam is gone it's a lonely place for us but it's our own and very convenient to shops and transport. Do you like the view on the back of this letter [aerogramme]. It's the loveliest beach I have seen in NZ and I used to live quite near when I was teaching.*

*I must stop now, so love to you from us both,*

*Gladys and Biddy*


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<sup>4</sup> Lizzie SYLVESTER, daughter of Biddy HUMBERSTONE (sister of Alfred HUMBERSTONE) and William SYLVESTER.



4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH



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Application Number

5199619-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

SLEAFORD

1864

BIRTH in the Sub-district of Heckington

in the County of Lincoln

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
L15	Alfred August 1864 Heckington	Alfred	Boy	Thomas Humberstone	Betty Humberstone formerly Wilson	Best Heckton	T. Humberstone Gastons Herrington	Joseph dec'd 1864	Joseph Mearns Registrar	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.


Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 9th day of October 2013

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Figure 59: Copy of the entry of birth for Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1865-1948). (HB0042)

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH



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Application Number 5199615-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

SLEAFORD

1865

BIRTH in the Sub-district of Heckington

in the

County of Lincoln

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
46	Twelfth July 1865 Heckington	Elizabeth Ann	Girl	William Nash	Hannah Nash formerly Sope	Miller	Hannah Nash Mother Heckington	Twelfth July 1865	E. V. Castle	Registrar

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Figure 60: Copy of the entry of birth for Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952). (HB0045)

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4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

New Zealand  
Death Certificate

BDM 108

DECEASED

First/given name(s)  
Surname/family name

Alfred  
Humberstone

(If different  
from above) First/given name(s) at birth  
Surname/family name at birth

-  
-

Date of death  
Place of death  
Cause or causes of death  
(as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order)

22 September 1948  
4 Rocklands Avenue Mt Eden  
Coronary Occlusion - 4 Days  
Myocardial Degeneration Several Years  
Chronic Bronchitis Several Years  
Old Age

Name of certifying doctor  
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor

E V Maxwell  
22 September 1948

Sex  
Age and date of birth  
Place of birth  
If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here  
Usual home address

Male  
84 years Not Recorded  
Heckington England  
34  
-

Usual occupation, profession or job  
Date of burial or cremation  
Place of burial or cremation  
Age of each daughter  
Age of each son

Retired Dairy Farmer  
23 September 1948  
Hillborough  
63 62 60 58 56 55 49 47  
53 51 43 41 39

PARENTS

MOTHER: First/given name(s)  
Surname/family name  
(If different  
from above) First/given name(s) at birth  
Surname/family name at birth

Biddy  
Humberstone  
-  
Wilson

FATHER: First/given name(s)  
Surname/family name  
(If different  
from above) First/given name(s) at birth  
Surname/family name at birth

Thomas  
Humberstone  
-  
-

RELATIONSHIP(S)



Relationship status at time of death  
Relationship type  
Age of deceased at event  
Place of marriage/civil union  
SPOUSE/ First/given name(s)  
PARTNER: Surname/family name  
Sex  
Age (if living)

Not Recorded  
-  
20  
Sleaford England  
Elizabeth Ann  
Nash  
-  
83

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Issued under the seal of the Registrar on 2 November 2012

Registration Number  
1948030343



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Figure 61: Death certificate of Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1948). (HB0051)

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## BDM 108

First/given name(s)	Elizabeth Ann
Surname/family name	Humberstone

(If different from above) First/given name(s) at birth -  
Surname/family name at birth -

Date of death **1 July 1952**  
Place of death **4 Rocklands Avenue Mt Eden**  
Cause or causes of death **Cerebral Haemorrhage - 3 Days**  
*(as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order)* **Cerebral Arteriosclerosis**  
**Generalized Arteriosclerosis**

Name of certifying doctor	R R Grigor
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor	1 July 1952

Sex	Female
Age and date of birth	87 years Not Recorded
Place of birth	Heckington Lincolnshire England
If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here	38
Usual home address	-

Usual occupation, profession or job	<b>Widow</b>
Date of burial or cremation	<b>3 July 1952</b>
Place of burial or cremation	<b>Hillsborough</b>
Age of each daughter	<b>65 64 62 60 58 51 43</b>
Age of each son	<b>67 57 56 54 53 47</b>

<b>MOTHER:</b>	First/given name(s)	<b>Hannah</b>
	Surname/family name	<b>Nash</b>
<i>(If different</i>	First/given name(s) at birth	<b>-</b>
<i>from above)</i>	Surname/family name at birth	<b>Topps</b>

<b>FATHER:</b>	First/given name(s)	<b>William</b>
	Surname/family name	<b>Nash</b>
<i>(If different from above)</i>	First/given name(s) at birth	-
	Surname/family name at birth	-

Relationship status at time of death	Not Recorded
Relationship type	-
Age of deceased at event	19
Place of marriage/civil union	Sleaford Lincolnshire England
SPOUSE/ First/given name(s)	Alfred
PARTNER: Surname/family name	Humberstone
Sex	-
Age (if living)	Not Recorded

**RELATIONSHIP(S)**

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**1952023457**



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4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

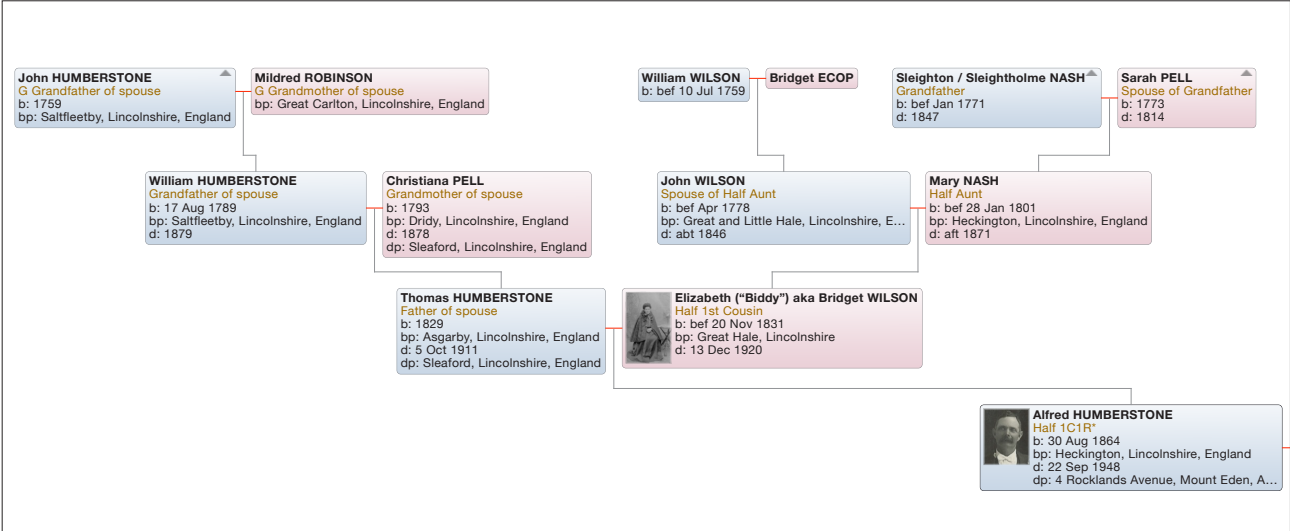
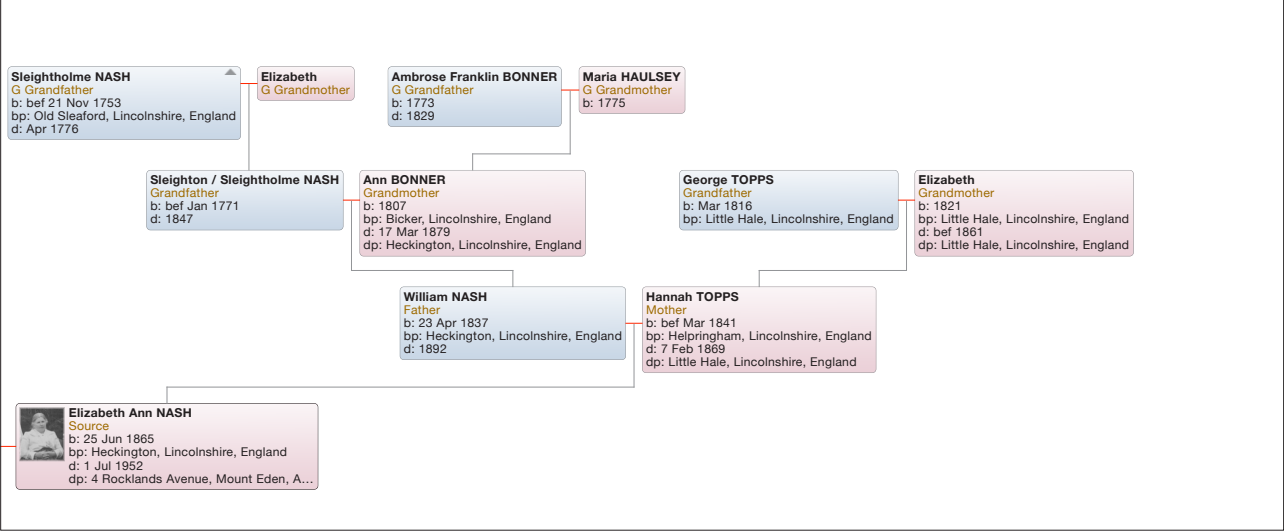


Figure 63: These two charts show the antecedents of Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) including a common grandfather for both, Sleighton/Sleightholme NASH (1771-1847) (the spelling of his name is given differently in various sources).

Alfred is a great-grandson of Sleighton/Sleightholme NASH and his first wife Sarah PELL (1773-1814), through their daughter Mary NASH (1801-1871); Elizabeth Ann is a granddaughter from the same Sleighton/Sleightholme NASH but through his second wife Ann HARE (née BONNER) (1807-1879) through their son William NASH (1837-1892): this means Alfred and Elizabeth Ann were half first cousins once removed. (HB0387A and HB0387B)






4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

So far little research has been undertaken to go back into the family lines in Lincolnshire, however the following two documents have come to light and are included here to share them with others.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,  
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

Application Number PAS 37,286/24/E

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

1911 DEATH in the Sub-district of Leafield in the County of Lincoln

No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
<u>191</u>	<u>Fifth</u> <u>October 1911</u> <u>Heckington</u> <u>R.D.</u>	<u>Thomas</u> <u>Humberstone</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>82</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Market</u> <u>Gardener</u>	<u>Natural Decay</u> <u>Certified by</u> <u>W. H. Balladley</u> <u>M.P.C.S.</u>	<u>Widow</u> <u>Sylvester</u> <u>Daughter</u> <u>Present at the</u> <u>Death</u> <u>Heckington</u>	<u>First</u> <u>October</u> <u>1911</u>	<u>Frank</u> <u>Hipkin</u> <u>Registrar</u>

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.


Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 3rd day of June 1914

DA 612354

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.

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Figure 64: Copy of the death certificate of Alfred HUMBERSTONE's father, Thomas HUMBERSTONE (1911). (HB0053)

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Figure 65: (Left) Photo of Alfred HUMBERSTONE's (1864-1948) mother Biddy HUMBERSTONE (née WILSON) (1831-1920). This copy was given to granddaughter Nance HUMBERSTONE (1900-1979). (HB0235)

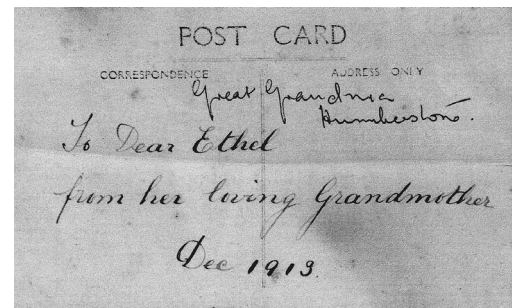


Figure 66: (Above) Back of another copy of the photo on the left (Biddy HUMBERSTONE (née WILSON) (1831-1920)), but this one with a dedication in her own handwriting, apparently sent to her granddaughter Ethel HUMBERSTONE (1886-1970) who was in New Zealand after 1910. (HB0355)

#### 4. ALFRED HUMBERSTONE AND ELIZABETH ANN NASH

A summary of Alfred HUMBERSTONE's immediate family.

##### PARENTS

###### *Thomas HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1829, Asgarby, Lincolnshire, England  
Death 5 Oct 1911, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, England  
Father William HUMBERSTONE (1789-1879)  
Mother Christiana PELL (1793-1878)  
Marriage 1 Apr 1852, Lincolnshire, England

##### Spouse

###### *Elizabeth ("Biddy") aka Bridget WILSON*

Birth bef 20 Nov 1831, Great Hale, Lincolnshire  
Death 13 Dec 1920  
Burial Heckington Churchyard  
Father John WILSON (<1778-1846)  
Mother Mary NASH (<1801->1871)

##### CHILDREN

###### *1 M Joseph HUMBERSTONE*

Birth ca 1854, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Death 1906, Helpringham, Lincolnshire, England  
Spouse Eliza SHARMAN  
Marriage 1876, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, England

###### *2 F Mary HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1856, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Death 1909  
Spouse William BEMBRIDGE

###### *3 M Edmond HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1858 Great Hale, Lincolnshire, England

###### *4 M Pell HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1860, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Death 1953  
Spouse Martha RAWSON

###### *5 F Constance C HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1860, Great Hale, Lincolnshire, England

###### *6 M John HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1863, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Death 1889

###### *7 M Alfred HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 30Aug 1864, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Death 22 Sep 1948, 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland, NZ  
Spouse Elizabeth Ann NASH  
Marriage 9 Dec 1884, Registry Office, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, England

###### *8 M Thomas HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1866, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Spouse Millie SMITH

###### *9 F Elizabeth HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1868, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England

###### *10 M Rufus Nash HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1870, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Spouse Annie POTTINGER

###### *11 F Kate HUMBERSTONE*

###### *12 F Biddy HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1875  
Spouse William SYLVESTER

###### *13 M Ernest HUMBERSTONE*

Birth 1877, Heckington, Lincolnshire, England  
Spouse Liza HESSEL



## 5. THE CHILDREN

**The birthdates of the thirteen children of this large family span more than one generation, the oldest child ("Fawn") was born in 1885 when Queen Victoria was on the throne, the youngest (Josephine) 23 years later in 1908 during the reign of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra (the family came to New Zealand during the reign of George V). While the younger generations were still at primary school their older sisters had qualified as teachers or were out working and even starting their own families.**

The family though was very much close knit and this seems to explain why they all came out to New Zealand, the eldest son and family came later, no immediate members of the family were left behind.

Once they arrived in New Zealand (May 1914), just before the outbreak of World War One, they faced the practicalities of making a living, to begin with they all went to the remote and developing King Country still being settled. This was because eldest daughter Ethel was already there with her blacksmith husband Walter ASPLIN. The rest of New Zealand was by that time more or less settled and developed but the area they were in was one of the last to be opened for settlement (and the all important railway line) and consequently less developed than other areas. A number of the family opened shops at various times or had spouses who ran businesses, Alfred and Elizabeth Ann ("Mam") also ran a shop in Karangahape Road for some years. Two sons were taken to fight in Europe during the first World War, both survived and returned, one to work the original lease on the farm outside Te Kuiti (Rufus) while the other became a coal miner ("Fawn").

A striking feature of the first generation Humberstone family group was a marked tendency to interact often, to live together and to retain family links. When Kate and her husband went on a travelling holiday (1963) to the lower North Island, she notes receiving four letters in Wanganui from three of her sisters (after only a few days away from Auckland). In later life some of the aged sisters, most of whose husbands had passed away, moved into Kate and Donald MCDONALD's home at 91 East Tamaki Road after 1960, where they shared the last decades of their lives in lively conversation, shared activities (including knitting (sometimes for other people) and attaching Sunshine pegs to boards for sale) and looking after each other, the younger brothers and sisters visiting and helping out (or sending along grandchildren to cut the lawn, run messages etc.), with the youngest surviving member, Tom, eventually managing the house.

Now that we have come to the first centenary of the HUMBERSTONE arrival in New Zealand in May 1914, the original 13 children and 2 parents have increased to a genealogical chart including around a thousand individuals.

The individual chapters below attempt to cumulate information on each of the original 13 HUMBERSTONE children (as much as we can gather at the moment from scattered family branches) and such other details as are at hand. This can always be supplemented and improved, the main aim here has been to capture details and information in danger of being lost, particularly about the first generation to travel from England to New Zealand. Some family members still living have wonderful memories and have contributed greatly, some relatives have been approached multiple times but have chosen not to respond, still with everybody's help we have been able to compile this first step towards more comprehensive notes about each of the family members.

## 5. THE CHILDREN



*Figure 67: The earliest known family group photo of the HUMBERSTONE girls, photographed in Lincolnshire, around 1910 or so (left to right): Gladys (1893-1983), Biddy (1888-1981), Kate (1890-1981) (with cat), Gertrude (1891-1984) and Josephine (1908-1956) in front. Not in the picture are their mother (Elizabeth Ann), Ethel (1886-1970) (left for NZ 16 September 1910) and Nance (1900-1978). (HB0196C)*



*Figure 68: HUMBERSTONE boys with their father in Lincolnshire around 1910 (left to right) Ernest (1897-1974), Eric (1907-1983) both in the cart, Thomas (1905-1996) on shaft, Pell (1898-1985) on horse, Rufus (1895-1969) standing, Alfred HUMBERSTONE (father) (1864-1948). Not in the picture, Fawn (1885-1955). This seems to be at the back of Seadyke House near Old Leake, Lincolnshire. (HB0197)*



## 5. THE CHILDREN



*Figure 69: All thirteen HUMBERSTONE children were rarely all together; here an image taken after the funeral of Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948): front (L to R): Eric, Biddy, Nance, Ernie; second row: Gladys, Kate; third row (standing): Josephine, Ethel, Gert, Fawn, Rufus, Tom, Pell. The photo was taken at the back of the house in Rocklands Avenue, Balmoral. (H0198)*



*Figure 70 The entire group of HUMBERSTONE children (L to R), front: Eric, Biddy, Nance, Ernie; second row Gladys and Kate; third row (standing) Jo, Ethel, Gert, Fawn, Rufus, Tom, Pell (HBO401).*



*Figure 71: HUMBERSTONE sisters together at the September 1948 funeral of their father, Alfred HUMBERSTONE: (L to R) front: Gladys, Jo, Biddy; back row Gert, Ethel, Kate, Nance. (HB0400)*



*Figure 72A: All six HUMBERSTONE brothers, L to R (standing) Rufus, Pell, Tom, Alf (Fawn), (seated) Ernie and Eric; again this photo is on the occasion of the funeral of one of their parents, at the back of the house at 4 Rocklands Road, Balmoral. (HB0220)*



*Figure 72B: HUMBERSTONE sisters with niece (L to R): niece Audrey HUMBERSTONE (1931-1989), Nance HARRIS (at back) (née HUMBERSTONE), Biddy FOUNTAIN (1888-1981) (née HUMBERSTONE), Donald McDONALD (1892-1969), Kate McDONALD (1890-1981) (née HUMBERSTONE), Ethel ASPLIN (1886-1970) (née HUMBERSTONE), Gladys MORGAN (1893-1983) (née HUMBERSTONE). The occasion was Biddy and Gladys' departure by ship to visit relatives in England (estimated date mid-1970s). (HB0200)*





Figure 73:  
HUMBERSTONE sisters  
Gertrude (partly out of  
frame), Ethel, Gladys,  
Nance, Biddy and Kit  
on the front step at 91  
Tamaki Road (sometime  
between 1961 and 1970).  
(HB0219)



Figure 74:  
HUMBERSTONE sisters,  
Gladys, Gert, Biddy,  
"cousin" from the  
HUMBERSTONE branch  
that migrated to Canada  
on a visit to New  
Zealand, and Nance.  
(HB0402)



*Figure 75: Another photo of the visit of a Canadian HUMBERSTONE "cousin": L to R unknown woman and boy with the HUMBERSTONE "cousin", then Nance (in red) and Eric. (HB0404)*



# 5.1 ALFRED FRANKLIN ("FAWN") HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1885 - d. 1955)

The oldest son, known within the family as "Fawn," was born in July 1885 in Heckington, Lincolnshire. He went to school at Sutterton (Lincolnshire) (where the family then lived) and in 1908 married Sarah Annie STEERS (1885-1967). Sarah was born in Oundle, Hampshire. Their wedding took place in Boston, Lincolnshire and they eventually had four children: Edie (1908-1992), Frank (1910-1966), Les (1912-1956) and Ernie (1915-1993).

In 1910 Alfred Franklin's occupation is recorded as a "rural postal messenger" on his first son's birth certificate. In the 1911 British census the family is living in Seadyke (Lane or Road) near Wrangle (Lincolnshire) and Fawn gave his occupation as postman. The larger Humberstone family was living nearby at the time, also on Seadyke Lane (in "Seadyke house").

After that, family tradition has it that Fawn was involved in World War I with the British Army. For this reason he and his family did not accompany the Humberstone family group on the 1914 journey but came out to New Zealand all together on the *Waimana* departing Southampton on 18 Feb 1921. There is a record of one Alfred F. Humberstone serving with the Worcestershire Regiment, Machine Gun Corps and receiving the Victory medal and the British War Medal but we have not been able to confirm this in the family as the same AF HUMBERSTONE.



*Figure 76: Alfred Franklin ("Fawn") HUMBERSTONE (1885-1955), a portrait taken in Lincolnshire (the chair may be the same one shown in Figure 67 above). (HB0056)*



5.1 ALFRED HUMBERSTONE

In the New Zealand electoral rolls for 1928, 1935, 1938, 1949 and 1954 Fawn is listed as a miner in Rotowaro (Huntly). He worked there in the coal mines most of his life. As a hobby he was also interested in clock making and clock repairs and built at least one clock which is still in the family (see Figure 77).

He had a workroom at the house filled with his clockmaking tools and a wall of clocks which he had either made or was repairing for others. Fawn died in Waikato Hospital (Hamilton) on 28 February 1955 and is buried at Kimihia Cemetery (near Huntly).



Figure 77: A clock built from scratch by Fawn HUMBERSTONE and given as a present to his granddaughter Pat and husband Fred HABIB. (HB0371B)

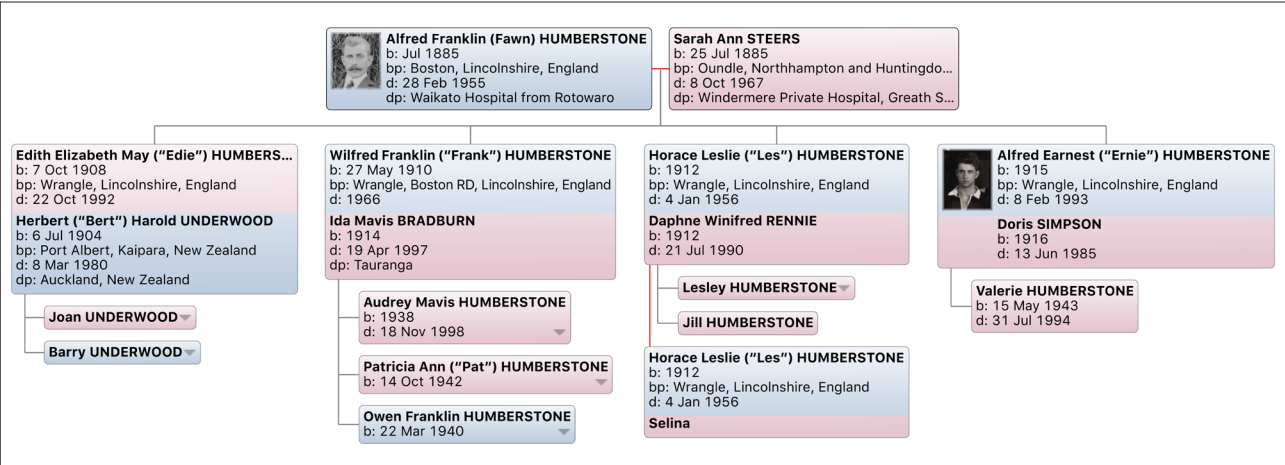


Figure 78: Overview of Fawn and Annie's children and grandchildren.



*Figure 79: An early picture of Alfred Franklin ("Fawn") HUMBERSTONE (1885-1955) in Lincolnshire with what seems to be a cart load of grain or flour, perhaps this was taken in Furlong's Lane, the lane off Seadyke Road (Old Leake, Lincolnshire) on which stands "Seadyke House." (HB0055)*



*Figure 80: Fawn HUMBERSTONE (1885-1955) detail of Figure 72A above, taken in 1952 at the funeral of his mother. (HB0220A)*

# 5.1.1 EDITH ELIZABETH MAY HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1908 - d. 1992)<sup>1</sup>  
m. Herbert (“Bert”) Harold UNDERWOOD (1904-1980)

- 5.1.1.1 Joan UNDERWOOD
- 5.1.1.2 Barry UNDERWOOD

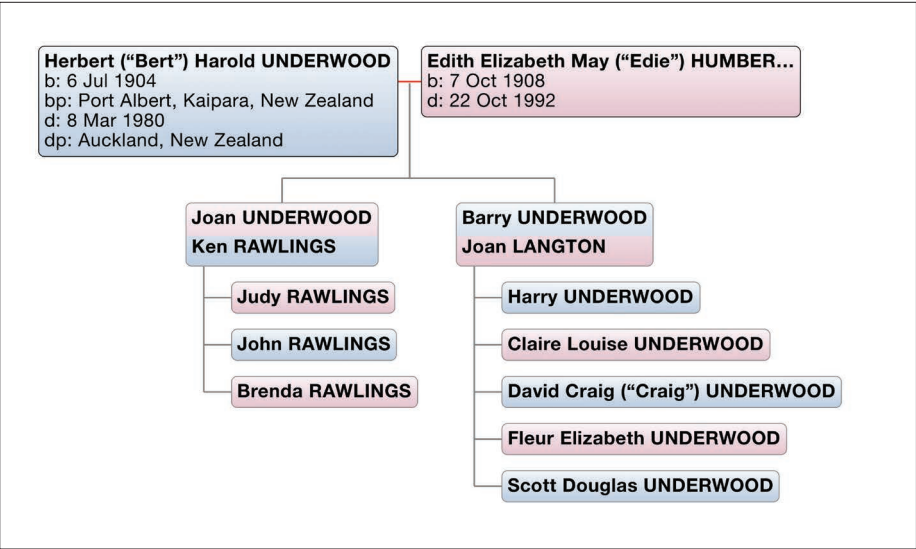


Figure 81: Descendents of Edie HUMBERSTONE (1908-1992) and Bert UNDERWOOD (1904-1980).

1. Here and in other places we have only been able to piece together minimal information: any additional details, images or corrections would be gratefully received.



## **5.1.2 WILFRID FRANKLIN (“FRANK”) HUMBERSTONE**

(b. 1910 - d. 1966)

m. Ida Mavis BRADBURN (1914-1997)

5.1.2.1 Audrey Mavis HUMBERSTONE (b.1938-18 November 1998)

5.1.2.2 Patricia Ann HUMBERSTONE (b. 14 October 1942)

5.1.2.3 Owen Franklin HUMBERSTONE (b. 22 March 1940)

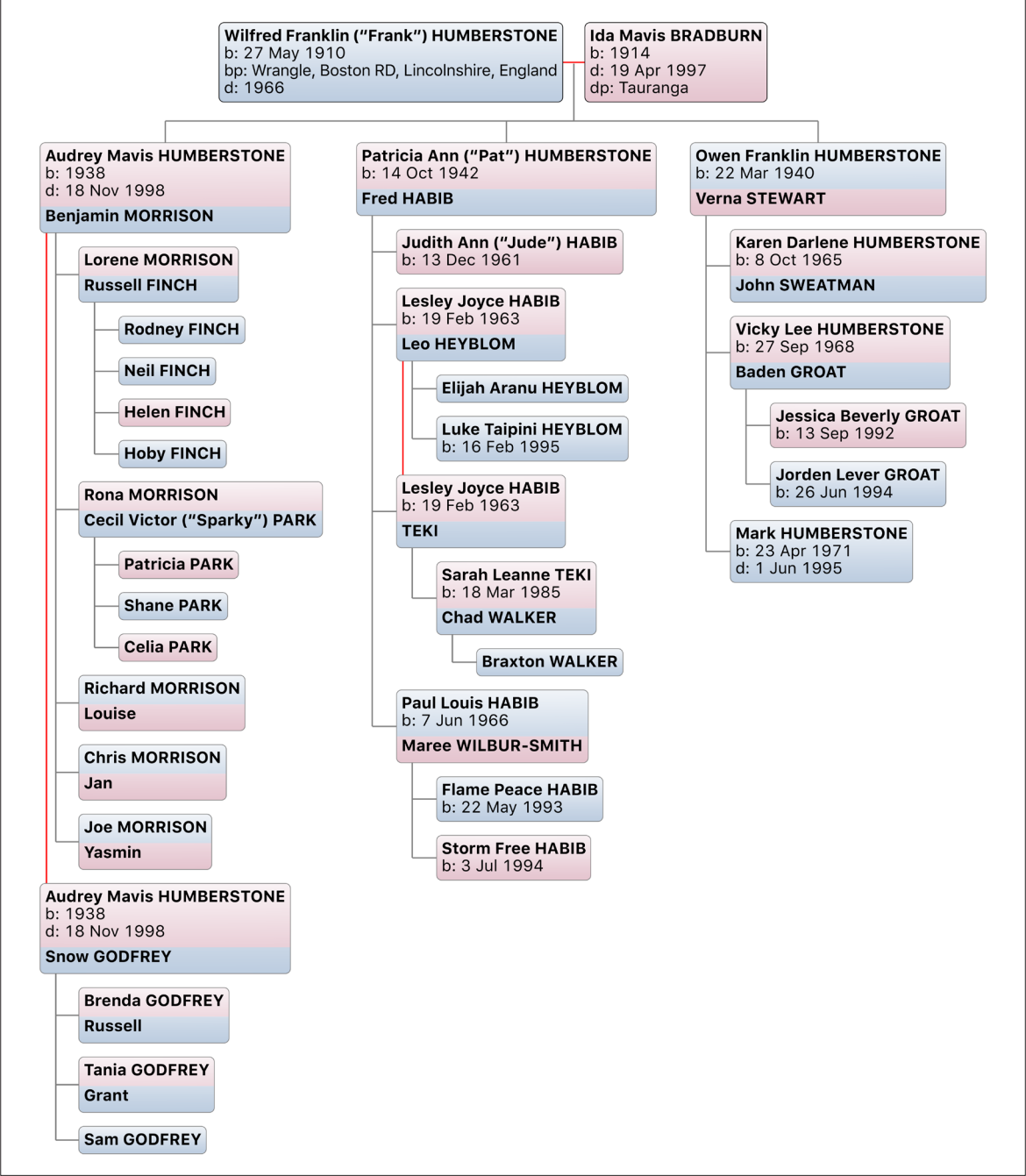


Figure 82: Descendents of Wilfrid Franklin ("Frank") HUMBERSTONE (1910-1966) and Ida Mavis BRADBURN (1914-1997).

# 5.1.2.1 AUDREY MAVIS HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1938)

m. Benjamin MORRISON

m. Snow GODFREY

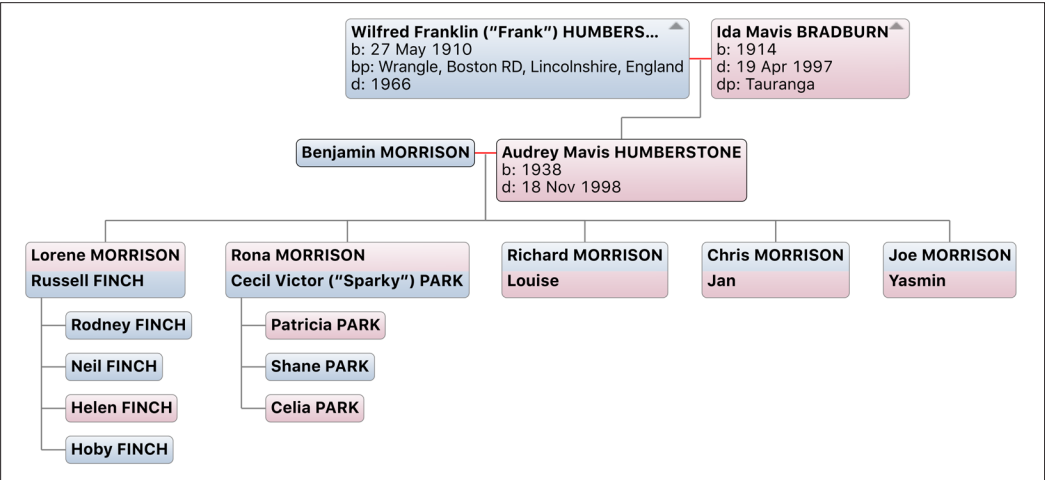
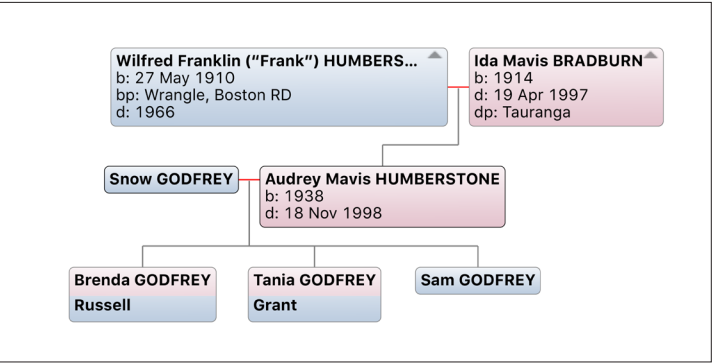


Figure 83:  
Descendents of  
both marriages  
of Audrey Mavis  
HUMBERSTONE.





# 5.1.2.2 PATRICIA ANN HUMBERSTONE

(b. 14 OCT. 1942)  
m. Fred HABIB

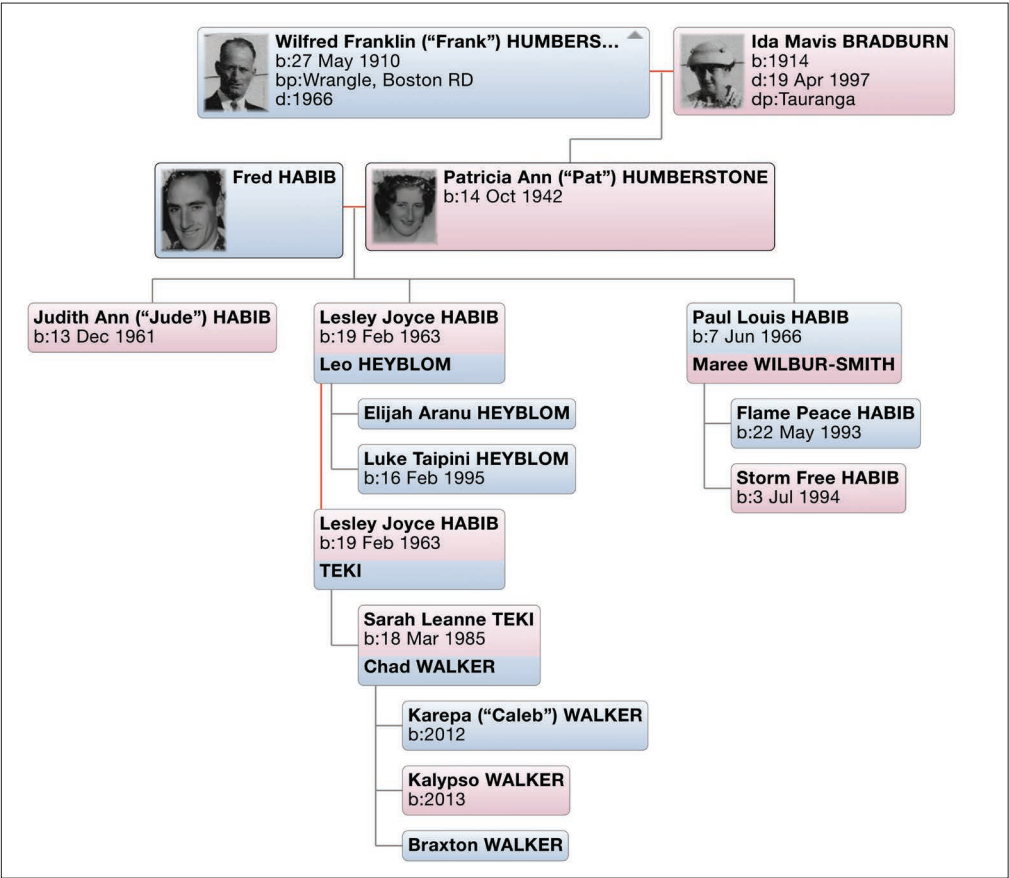


Figure 84:  
Descendants of  
Fred HABIB and Pat  
HUMBERSTONE  
(b. 1942).



*Figure 85: Pat HUMBERSTONE (b. 1942) and Frank HABIB on their wedding day (4 June 1960). (HB0370)*



*Figure 86: Frank HUMBERSTONE (1910-1966) and Ida Mavis HUMBERSTONE (née BRADBURN) (1914-1997) with their daughter Pat (b. 1942) on her wedding day (4 June 1960). (HB0367)*

# 5.1.3 HORACE LESLIE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1912 - d. 1956)

m. Selina

m. Daphne Winifred RENNIE (1912-1990)

We have not been able to trace much additional information about Horace Leslie HUMBERSTONE, however, apparently, he was the first person from New Zealand to get divorce papers served (on behalf of his first wife Selina) while away on on active service

UNDEFENDED DIVORCES, SEVERAL HAMILTON CASES [from our own correspondent] HAMILTON, Tuesday. Undefended divorce petitions occupied Mr. Justice Johnston in the Hamilton Supreme Court this morning. Selina Humberstone ([represented by lawyer] Mr Tompkins) said her husband, Horace Leslie Humberstone, turned her out of his house at Rotowaro in August, 1936, and she had not lived with him since. Respondent was a soldier with the first echelon in Egypt and had been served with the petition while there. A decree nisi on the ground of separation was granted. (New Zealand Herald, Volume LXXVII, Issue 23722, 31 July 1940, page 12).

In 1941 Sapper LH HUMBERSTONE [sic] is "Mentioned for Distinguished Services" (New Zealand Herald, Volume LXXVIII, Issue 24013, 10 July 1941, page 10) and in 1942 he is mentioned as wounded (New Zealand Herald, Volume 79, Issue 24351, 13 August 1942, page 5). This was corrected to "accidentally injured, previously reported wounded" (New Zealand Herald, Volume 79, Issue 24457, 15 December 1942, page 5).

## 5.1.3.1 Lesley HUMBERSTONE

## 5.1.3.2 Jill HUMBERSTONE

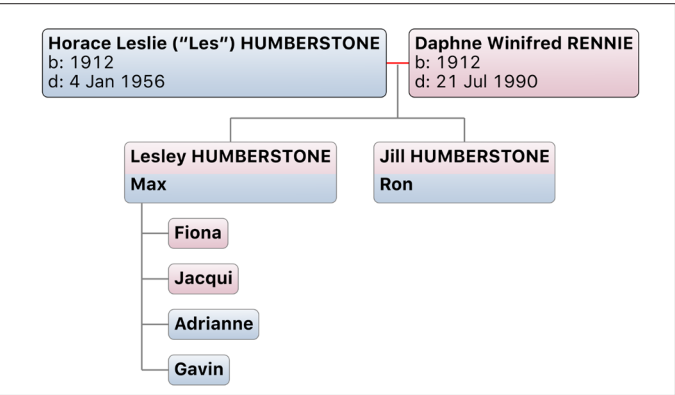


Figure 87:  
Descendants of Les  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1912-1956) and  
Daphne Winifred  
RENNIE (1912-1990).

## 5.1.4 ALFRED EARNEST ("ERNIE") HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1915 - d. 8 February 1993)

m. Doris SIMPSON (1916-1985)

### 5.1.4.1 Valerie HUMBERSTONE (15 May 1943-31 July 1994)



Figure 88A:  
Rotowaro Junior  
Soccer Team 1931.<sup>2</sup>  
Back Row. – P.  
Tears (President),  
J. McCallum, D.  
Boyd, J. Sissons,  
W. McKenzie.  
Middle Row. – J.  
Black (Trainer), B.  
Barlow, A. Tait, J.  
Robinson, E. Boyd  
(Trainer). Front Row.  
– J. Spence, **Ernie  
Humberstone**,  
W. Boyd (Vice-  
Capt.), G. Lennox, P.  
McCallum. Absent.  
– H. Crook (Capt.).  
(HB0288)

2. <http://ngaruawahiafootball.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/1931-Rotowaro-Junior-Soccer-Team.jpg> (reproduced with permission).



5.1 ALFRED HUMBERSTONE

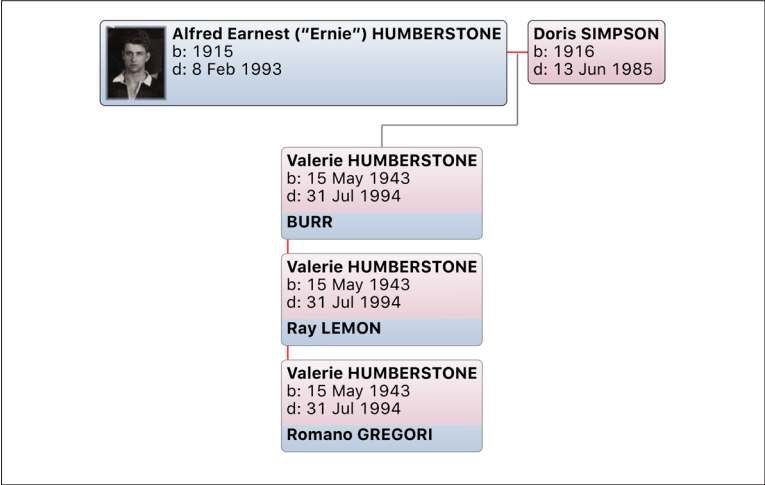


Figure 88B:  
Descendents of Ernie  
HUMBERSTONE and  
Doris SIMPSON

Number of Schedule **19**  
 (To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection)

## CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

*Before writing on this Schedule please read the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in ink. The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is divulged with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.*

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last birthday) and SEX		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged 15 years and upwards		RESIDENCE of Person		NATIONALITY of every Person Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
		Males	Females	Write "Single", "Married", "Widowed", or "Divorced" (if no children born or present, write "Never married" in Column 7)	State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule the number of— Children born alive to her (if no children born or present, write "Never married" in Column 7) Total Children Living Born	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which the person is connected	Whether Employed or Working on his own account	Whether at Home or Abroad		
1. Alfred H. Wainwright Head	Head	25		Married	2	2	2	2	2	2	
2. Sara Ann Wainwright Wife	Wife	25		Married	2	2	2	2	2	2	
3. Edith E. Wainwright Daughter	Daughter	10									
4. Wilfred Wainwright Son	Son	10									
5.											
6.											
7.											
8.											
9.											
10.											
11.											
12.											
13.											
14.											
15.											

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling—  
 (1) Dwelling House, (2) Apartment, (3) Flat, (4) Back, (5) Kitchen, (6) Bath, (7) W.C., (8) Veranda, (9) Terrace, (10) Garden, (11) Other.

Signature *Alfred Wainwright*  
 Postal Address *Wainwrights, Wainwrights, Lincolnshire*

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Alfred Wainwright*  
 Postal Address *Wainwrights, Wainwrights, Lincolnshire*

Figure 89: 1911 Census form for Fawn HUMBERSTONE (Postman) and family, living near Old Leake, Lincolnshire, England. (HB0057)





## BDM 108

**DECEASED**

Name of certifying doctor	<b>A.J. Cadogan</b>
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor	<b>6 October 1967</b>
Sex	<b>Female</b>
Age and date of birth	<b>82 years Not Recorded</b>
Place of birth	<b>Oundle Northampton And Huntingdon England</b>
If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here	<b>46</b>
Usual home address	<b>35B Hutton Street Otahuhu</b>
Usual occupation, profession or job	<b>Widow</b>
Date of burial or cremation	<b>10 October 1967</b>
Place of burial or cremation	<b>Cremated Purewa</b>
Age of each daughter	<b>59</b>
Age of each son	<b>52</b>

## PARENTS

**RELATIONSHIP(S)**

**Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar**

Issued under the seal of the Registrar on **12 June 2012**

Registration Number  
**1967041451**



CAUTION - Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.

Figure 91: Death certificate of Sarah Ann HUMBERSTONE (née STEERS) (8 October 1967). (HB0060)



**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH**

The stamping fee for this certificate is 3s. 6d.  
Where a search is necessary to find the entry,  
a search fee is payable in addition.

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,  
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

Application Number *110.88900*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT *Basset*  
**BIRTH in the Sub-district of *Kennington* in the County of *London***

No.	When and where born	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10*
		Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of Registrar	Name entered after registration	
<i>452</i>	<i>Twenty-fourth May 1910</i>	<i>Wilfred Franklin</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>Wilfred Franklin Humberstone</i>	<i>Sarah Ann Humberstone formerly Shaw</i>	<i>Rural Postal Messenger</i>	<i>S.A. Humberstone Mother Wrange</i>	<i>Fourth July 1910</i>	<i>Wm. H. H. Registrar</i>		

**CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF AN ENTRY IN THE CERTIFIED COPY OF A REGISTER OF BIRTHS IN THE DISTRICT ABOVE MENTIONED.**

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the *28th* day of *June* 19*10*

**BX 288834**

\*See note overleaf

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953.  
It is a true and correct copy of the entry as it appears in the Register of Births and Deaths for the district of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to be given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.  
CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

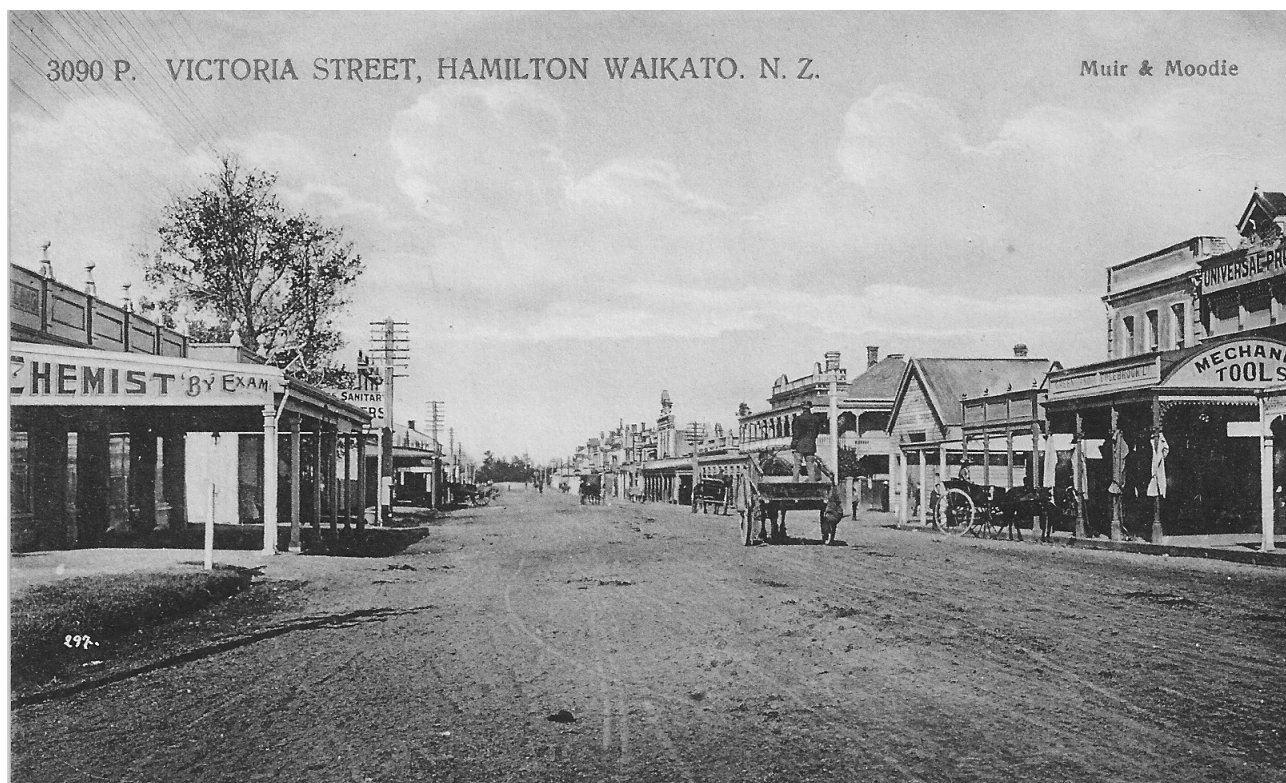
Figure 92: Birth certificate of Wilfred Franklin HUMBERSTONE (27 May 1910) (the edge of the copy supplied is cut off). (HB0058)

## 5.2 ETHEL MARY HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1886 - d. 1970)

**Ethel was born on 10th August 1886 in Heckington, Lincolnshire. According to family tradition, at the age of 24, she came out to New Zealand by herself following her soon-to-be-husband Walter ASPLIN.**

Ethel travelled on the *Arawa* (a Shaw Savill and Albion Company vessel) departing London on 16th September 1910, listed as a "domestic" (see Figure 94), the ship arrived in Wellington on 1 November 1910. In February of the next year Ethel married Walter ASPLIN (1883-1961) in Hamilton (their wedding portrait is reproduced below (Figure 96)).



*Figure 93: An early Muir and Moodie postcard of Hamilton about the time Ethel HUMBERSTONE (1886-1970) and Walter ASPLIN (1883-1961) were married there in February, 1910. (HB0063)*



# 5.2 ETHEL HUMBERSTONE

Name of Ship <u>Arawa</u>		Date of Departure <u>16 Sept 1910</u>	Where bound <u>New Zealand</u>	Port of Departure <u>London</u>																
Steamship Line <b>SHAW SAVILL &amp; ALBION COMPANY, Limited.</b>																				
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF <b>BRITISH</b> PASSENGERS.																				
Port of Embarkation	Contract Ticket Number	NAMES OF PASSENGERS (Passengers holding Contract Tickets as Shewage Passengers should be entered first, and a space left between them and the other Passengers)	CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd)	Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers	ENGLISH			WELSH			SCOTCH			IRISH			BRITISH COLONIAL			Port at which Passengers have contracted to land
					Adults of 12 yrs. and upward			Adults of 12 yrs. and upward			Adults of 12 yrs. and upward			Adults of 12 yrs. and upward			Adults of 12 yrs. and upward			
					Single, or unaccompanied by husband or wife	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	Single, or unaccompanied by husband or wife	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	Single, or unaccompanied by husband or wife	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	Single, or unaccompanied by husband or wife	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	Single, or unaccompanied by husband or wife	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	
London	A012571	Knired Gay	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Domestic	1	1	1				1	1	1							Wellington
"	A012572	Mary Maynell	"	"	1															"
"	A012573	Thos. Smalley	"	Farmer	1															"
"	"	do	"	Wife	1															"
"	A012574	Percy Barrin	"	Farmer																"
"	A012575	Annie Paterson	"	Domestic																"
"	A012576	Janet do	"	"																"
"	A012577	Emily Foulger	"	"																"
"	A012578	Edw. Richards	"	"																"
"	A012579	Mrs. Craven	"	Housewife	1															"
"	"	Leah do	"	Child																"
"	A012580	Wm. Sewell	"	Saddler	1															"
"	"	Lily do	"	Domestic	1															"
"	A012581	Wm. Fitzsimmons	"	"																"
"	"	Thos. do	"	Laborer																"
"	"	Mary do	"	Domestic																"
"	A012582	Wm. Butler	"	Farmer																"
"	"	Hanna do	"	Domestic																"
"	A012583	Jeremiah Briggs	"	Farmer	1															"
"	A012584	Ethel Humberstone	"	Domestic	1															"
"	A012585	Mary Horsfall	"	"	1															"
"	A012586	Mrs. Wainlet	"	Housewife	1															"
"	"	Bertram do	"	Child																"
"	"	Wm. do	"	"																"
"	"	Harold do	"	"																"
"	"	Boris do	"	"																"
"	"	Leah do	"	"																"
"	A012587	Lizzie Ware	"	Domestic																"
"	A012588	David W. Coram	"	Farm laborer																"
"	"	Thos. do	"	"																"
"	A012589	Nathan Hilden	"	Farmer																"
"	"	Wife do	"	Wife																"
"	"	Jas. do	"	Son																"
"	"	Martha do	"	Child																"
"	"	Braggie do	"	"																"
"	A012590	Albert Branch	"	Farm laborer	1															"
"	A012591	Geo. Pickup	"	Farmer	1															"
"	"	Wife do	"	Wife	1															"
"	"	Alice do	"	Daughter																"
"	"	Jno. do	"	Son																"
"	"	Henric do	"	Daughter																"
"	"	Emily do	"	"																"
"	"	Florence do	"	"																"
"	A012592	Emilia Le Blond	"	Domestic	1															"
"	A012593	Jno. Southill	"	Farmer	1															"
"	"	Wife do	"	Wife	1															"
"	"	Martha do	"	Child																"
					17 17 24 33 8 - 1 - - - - -			1 1 13 9 . . . . .			4 4 12 3 1 2 . . . . .									

Figure 94: Entry for Ethel HUMBERSTONE (mid-way down the page) on the passenger list of the Arawa, sailing from London to Wellington (dep. 16 Sept 1910). (HB0348)



In 1906 Walter, aged 22, listed himself as a blacksmith and was a steerage passenger on the *Rimutaka*, he travelled with his younger brother “Master” Ricketty Arthur ASPLIN (1892-1961) (then aged 12) departing London on 12 July 1906 for Wellington. The passenger listing is reproduced below.

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*Figure 95: Rimutaka Entry for Walter ASPLIN (1883-1961) and his brother R. Arthur ASPLIN (1892-1961) steerage passengers on the Rimutaka from London 12 July 1906 to Wellington. (HB0349)*



*Figure 96: Walter ASPLIN (1892-1961) and Ethel HUMBERSTONE (1886-1970) on their wedding day February, 1911 (Hamilton). (HB0067)*

It is not clear what Walter and Arthur did early on in New Zealand, but on 8th February 1909 the announcement (Figure 97 below) about a new business starting in Piopio appeared in the *King Country Chronicle* (Volume III, Issue 129, 8 February 1909, page 2) and it marks the beginning of the ASPLIN business in Piopio.

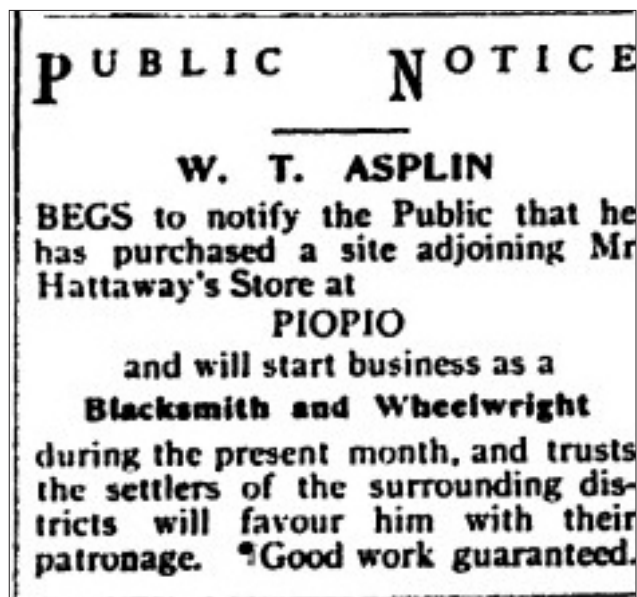


Figure 97: Initial announcement of the ASPLIN smithy in Piopio (February 1909).

Further ads appeared in 1909.

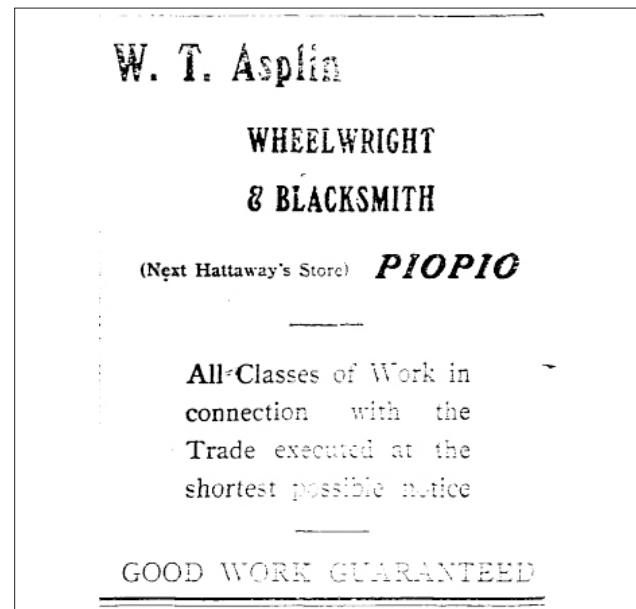


Figure 98: This advertisement appeared several times throughout 1909 in the *King Country Chronicle*.

The business survived and in 1911 W.T. ASPLIN blacksmith in Piopio is advertising for workers, especially wheelwrights (see the ads below).

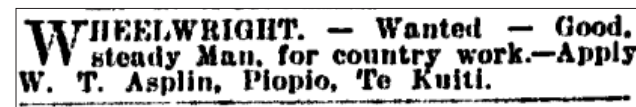


Figure 99: Advertisement for a wheelwright by W.T. Asplin (*New Zealand Herald*, Volume XLVIII, Issue 14714, 23 June 1911, Page 1).

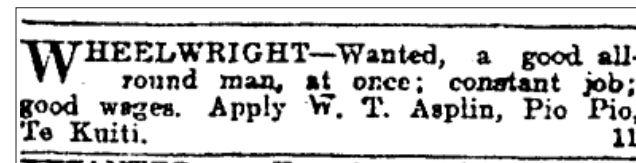


Figure 100: Follow-up ad for a worker (*Press*, Volume LXVII, Issue 14164, 3 October 1911).



## 5.2 ETHEL HUMBERSTONE



Figure 101: Postcard image of early Piopio, with the ASPLIN smithy marked in the centre with an "x", to the left another "x" perhaps showing where they were living. (HB0064)

My Dear Kate.  
 Thanks for letter. In  
 answering with a P.C.  
 of Pio Pio. but I suppose  
 you'll soon see it for  
 yourself as the letter I had  
 from Dad & mother says  
 they are coming out. I'm  
 only hoping they don't change  
 their mind. I don't think  
 they can go wrong with  
 coming. it will be a respite  
 from all the cares & worries  
 they have now. & it will all  
 be a nice change. Also you  
 girls & also the boys will  
 be able to earn a lot out  
 here. Walter's sister's eldest.  
 Maggie is 14 yrs old  
 & is taking 8 shillings a week  
 & nothing much to do after  
 dinner. wears her hair down  
 like. As you see you get more  
 money here. Well my dear  
 I must close now. Love  
 Ethel

This important surviving postcard sent from Piopio by Ethel (Figures 101 and 102) is undated but seems to be from a few weeks or months ahead of the family's departure for New Zealand, so probably around 1913. Ethel mentions unspecified "cares and worries" for the family back in England and it is probable that earning money was an important draw for coming to New Zealand.

My dear Kate, Thanks for letter; I'm answering with a postcard of Piopio, but I suppose you'll soon see it for yourself as the letter I had from Dad and mother says they are coming out. I am only hoping they don't change their mind. I don't think they can go wrong with coming. It will be a respite from all the cares and worries they have now and it will all be a nice change. Also you girls and also the boys will be able to earn a lot out here. Walter [Asplin]'s sister's eldest girl Maggie is 14 years old and is taking 8 shillings a week and nothing much to do after dinner, wears her hair down her back and dresses just as she likes. So you see you get more money here. Well my dear I must now close, with love, Ethel.

In the 1914 Taumarunui general electoral roll both Walter and Arthur ASPLIN are listed as living in Piopio, as blacksmith and coach-builder respectively. Ethel is listed in the 1914 Taumarunui supplementary roll as living in Piopio. In the 1919 roll they all appear together.

By 1928 however, Ethel and Walter are listed in the Hamilton electoral roll, Ethel in Naylor Street, Hamilton East and Walter at Rukuhia (near

Figure 102: Reverse of the postcard of Piopio above, sent from Ethel to Kate (probably in about 1913). (HB0065)

Hamilton) at his business address as a blacksmith. By 1938 they are both living at 309 New North Road (Eden Terrace, Auckland) where Walter is listed as a shopkeeper. In 1946 and 1949 they were living in Roscommon Road, Papatoetoe, with Walter described as a farmer.

In 1954 and 1957 they had moved to 110 Flat Bush Road (Papatoetoe). Walter died in 1961, the same year as his younger brother. In 1963 and 1969 Ethel is listed as a widow living at 110 Tui Road (Papatoetoe) this is the same house but the street had been re-named.



*Figure 103: W.T. ASPLIN's blacksmith shop in Piopio (est. 1910 or so). The man in the centre could well be Walter ASPLIN and the man on the right by the wagon, perhaps Arthur. (HB0066)*



*Figure 104: Ethel (1886-1970) and Walter ASPLIN (1883-1961) perhaps with their first child Effie ASPLIN (1911-2012). (HB0069)*





Figure 105: A dashing young Walter ASPLIN. (HB0068)

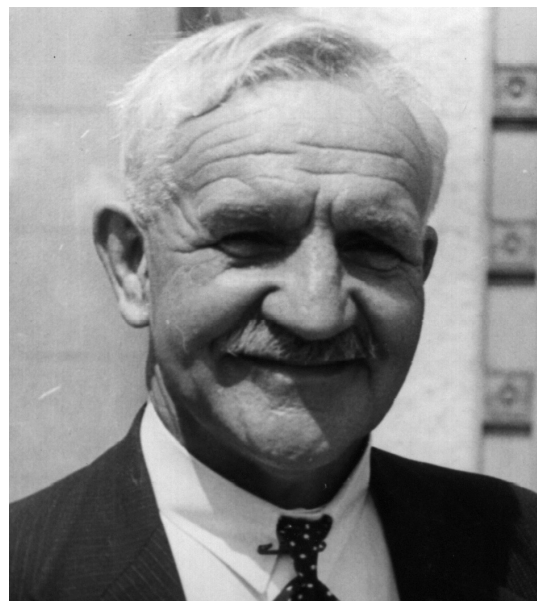


Figure 106: Walter T. ASPLIN (1883-1961). (HB0070)



Figure 107: Left, Ethel HUMBERSTONE (1886-1970) and Walther Thomas ASPLIN (1883-1961). Behind is the back doorstep of the house at 4 Rocklands Avenue so perhaps taken at the 1952 funeral of Ethel's mother. (HB0320)



Figure 108: Right, Ethel HUMBERSTONE (1886-1970) and Walther Thomas ASPLIN (1883-1961). (HB0071)



*Figure 109: Eldest HUMBERSTONE daughter Ethel ASPLIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1886-1970) and the youngest daughter, Jo TATTERSFIELD (née HUMBERSTONE) (1908-1956). (HB0221)*



*Figure 110: Ethel HUMBERSTONE (1886-1970) and Walter Thomas ASPLIN (1883-1961). (HB0073)*



*Figure 111: Walter Thomas ASPLIN (1883-1961) and Ethel ASPLIN (1886-1970) (née HUMBERSTONE). (HB0072)*



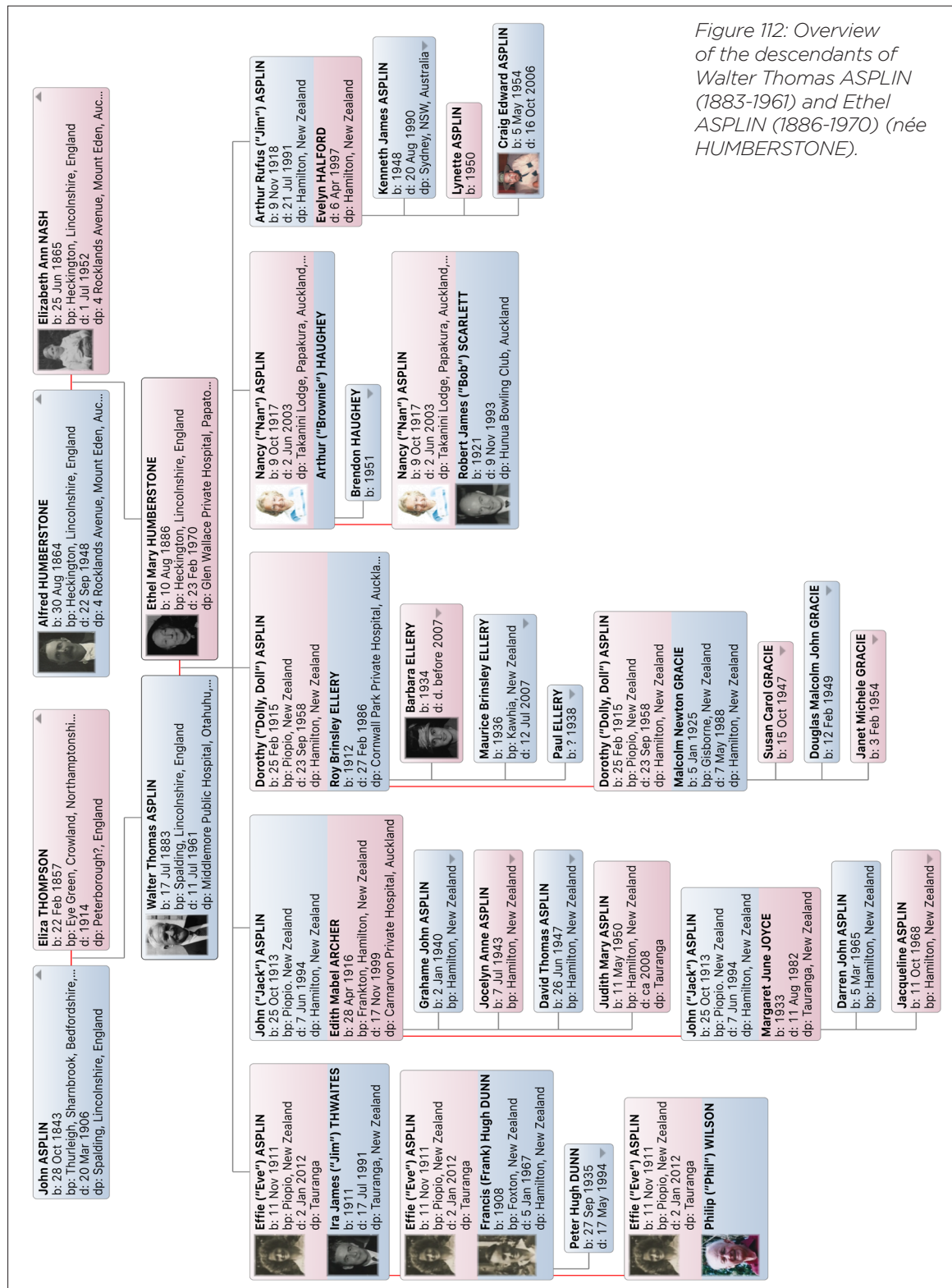


Figure 112: Overview of the descendants of Walter Thomas ASPLIN (1883-1961) and Ethel ASPLIN (1886-1970) (née HUMBERSTONE).

# 5.2.1 EFFIE (“EVE”) ASPLIN

(b. 11 NOVEMBER 1911 - d. 2 JANUARY 2012)

m. Ira James (Jim) THWAITES (1911-17 July 1991)

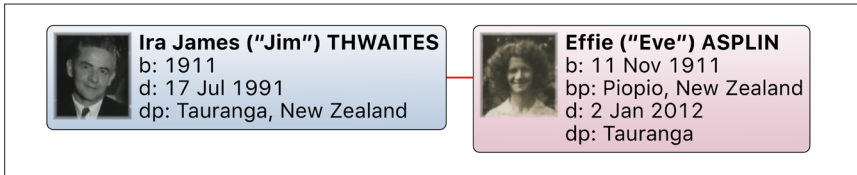


Figure 113: Eve ASPLIN's (1911-2012) first marriage to Jim THWAITES (1911-1991).

Jim THWAITES invented the mechanism for Sunshine pegs, at times in the 1960s some of the HUMBERSTONE brothers and sisters worked at home clipping the pegs onto the cardboard backing boards prior to sale.



Figure 114: Sample of the peg mechanism invented and patented by Jim THWAITES.

m. Francis (Frank) Hugh DUNN (1908-5 January 1967)

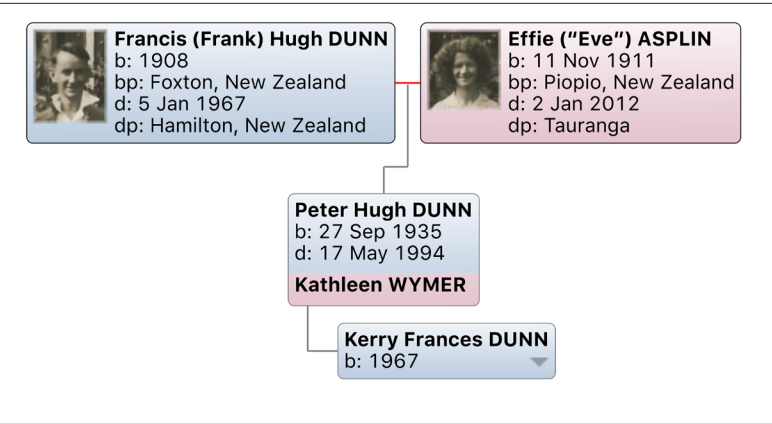


Figure 115: Eve ASPLIN's (1911-2012) second marriage, to Frank DUNN (1908-1967).

## 5.2.1.1 Peter Hugh DUNN (27 September 1935-17 May 1994)

m. Philip (Phil) WILSON (1911-17 July 1991)

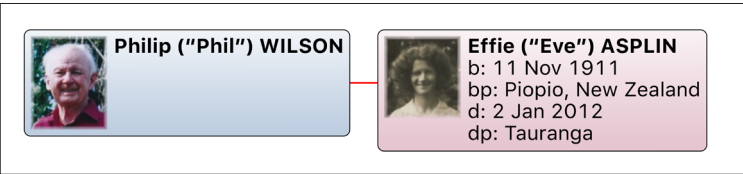


Figure 116: Eve's third marriage, to Phil WILSON.

## 5.2.2 JOHN ("JACK") ASPLIN

(b. 25 OCTOBER 1913 - d. 7 JUNE 1994)

m. Edith Mabel ARCHER (1916-1999)

5.2.2.1 Grahame John ASPLIN (b. 2 January 1940)

5.2.2.2 Jocelyn Anne ASPLIN (b. 7 July 1943)

5.2.2.3 David Thomas ASPLIN (b. 26 June 1947)

5.2.2.4 Judith Mary ASPLIN (b. 11 May 1950)

m. Margaret Jane JOYCE (1933-11 August 1982)

5.2.2.5 Darren John ASPLIN (b. 5 March 1965)

5.2.2.6 Jacqueline ASPLIN (b. 11 October 1968)

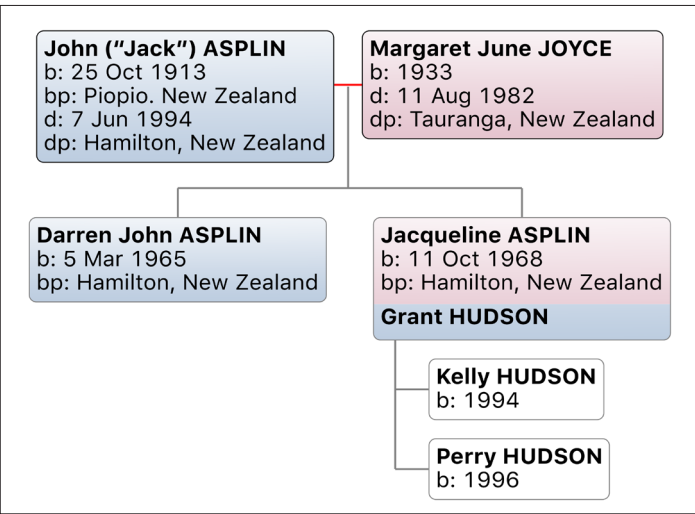


Figure 116A: Descendants of Jack ASPLIN's second marriage, to Margaret June JOYCE (1933- 1982).



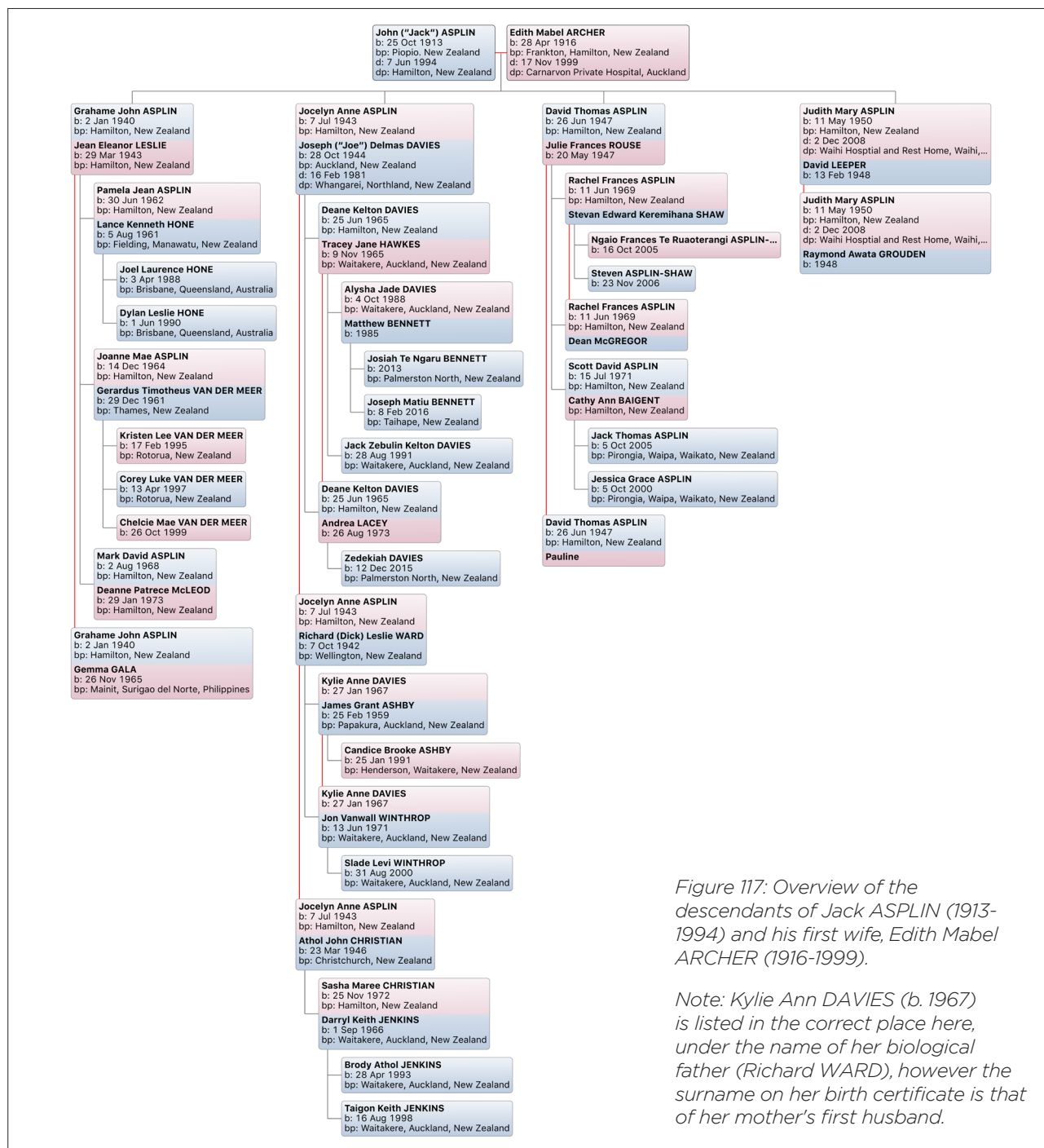


Figure 117: Overview of the descendants of Jack ASPLIN (1913-1994) and his first wife, Edith Mabel ARCHER (1916-1999).

Note: Kylie Ann DAVIES (b. 1967) is listed in the correct place here, under the name of her biological father (Richard WARD), however the surname on her birth certificate is that of her mother's first husband.

## 5.2.3 DOROTHY (“DOLL”) ASPLIN

(b. 1915 - d. 23 SEPTEMBER 1958)

m. Roy Brinsley ELLERY (1912-1986)

5.2.3.1 Barbara ELLERY (b. 1934)

5.2.3.2 Maurice Brinsley ELLERY (1936-12 June 2007)

5.2.3.3 Paul ELLERY (b. 1938)

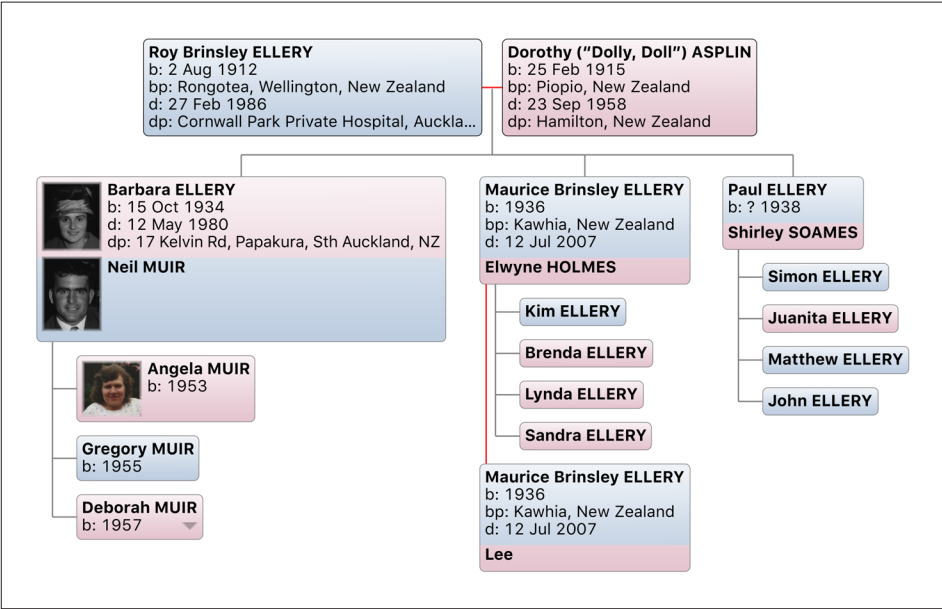


Figure 118: Overview of descendants of Doll ASPLIN (1915-1958) and Roy ELLERY (1912-1986).



Figure 119: Doll ASPLIN (1915-1958) and Nance HARRIS (née HUMBERSTONE) (1900-1979). (HB0333)

m. Malcolm Newton GRACIE (1925-1988)

5.2.3.4 Susan Carol GRACIE (b. 15 October 1947)

5.2.3.5 Douglas Malcolm John GRACIE (b. 12 February 1949)

5.2.3.6 Janet Michele GRACIE (3 February 1954)

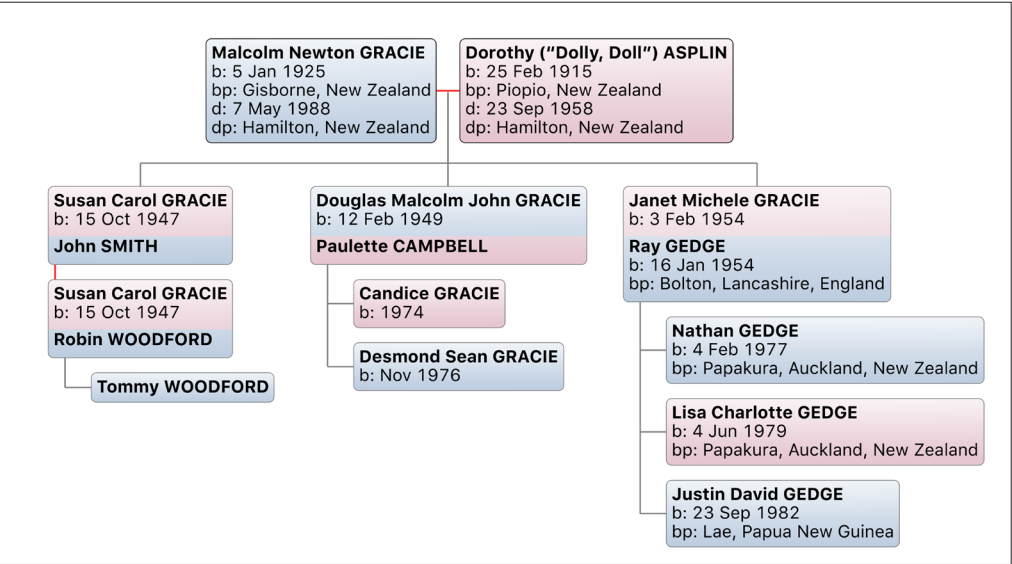


Figure 120: Overview of descendants of Doll ASPLIN (1915-1958) and second husband Malcolm Newton GRACIE (1925-1988).



# 5.2.4 NANCY (“NAN”) ASPLIN

(b. 9 OCTOBER 1917 - d. 2 JUNE 2003)

m. Arthur (Brownie) HAUGHEY

## 5.2.4 Brendon HAUGHEY

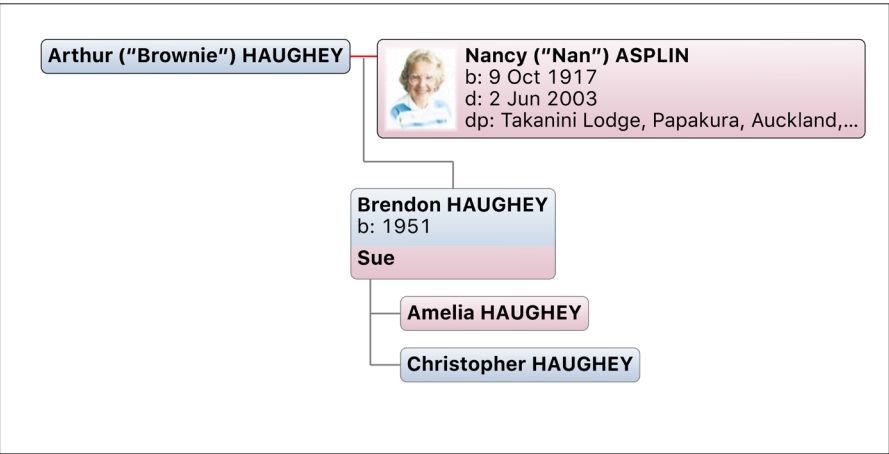


Figure 121: Nan ASPLIN's (1917-2003) first marriage, to Brownie HAUGHEY.

m. Bob SCARLETT (1921-1993)

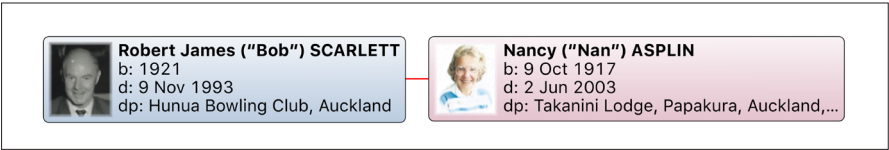


Figure 122: Nan ASPLIN's (1917-2003) second marriage, to Bob SCARLETT (1921-1993).

# 5.2.5 ARTHUR RUFUS (“JIM”) ASPLIN

(b. 9 November 1918 - d. 21 July 1991)

m. Evelyn HALFORD (d. 1997)

5.2.5.1 Kenneth James ASPLIN (1948-20 August 1990)

5.2.5.2 Lynette ASPLIN (b. 1950)

5.2.5.3 Craig Edward ASPLIN (5 May 1954-16 October 2006)



Figure 123: Overview of descendants of Jim ASPLIN (1918-1991) and Evelyn HALFORD (d. 1997).

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# New Zealand Death Certificate

**DECEASED**

First/given name(s)	<b>Ethel Mary</b>
Surname/family name	<b>Asplin</b>
(If different from above) First/given name(s) at birth	-
(If different from above) Surname/family name at birth	-
Date of death	<b>23 February 1970</b>
Place of death	<b>Glen Wallace Private Hospital Papatoetoe</b>
Cause or causes of death	<b>Bronchopneumonia - 3 Days</b>
(as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order)	<b>Osteoarthritis - 15 Years</b>
Name of certifying doctor	<b>L A Drake</b>
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor	<b>23 February 1970</b>
Sex	<b>Female</b>
Age and date of birth	<b>83 years Not Recorded</b>
Place of birth	<b>Heckington Lincolnshire England</b>
If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here	<b>60</b>
Usual home address	<b>110 Tui Road Papatoetoe</b>
Usual occupation, profession or job	<b>Widow</b>
Date of burial or cremation	<b>25 February 1970</b>
Place of burial or cremation	<b>Cremated At Purewa</b>
Age of each daughter	<b>58 52</b>
Age of each son	<b>56 51</b>
<b>MOTHER:</b> First/given name(s)	<b>Elizabeth Ann</b>
Surname/family name	<b>Humberstone</b>
(If different from above) First/given name(s) at birth	-
(If different from above) Surname/family name at birth	<b>Nash</b>
<b>FATHER:</b> First/given name(s)	<b>Alfred</b>
Surname/family name	<b>Humberstone</b>
(If different from above) First/given name(s) at birth	-
(If different from above) Surname/family name at birth	-
Relationship status at time of death	<b>Not Recorded</b>
Relationship type	-
Age of deceased at event	<b>24</b>
Place of marriage/civil union	<b>Hamilton</b>
<b>SPOUSE/</b> First/given name(s)	<b>Walter Thomas</b>
<b>PARTNER:</b> Surname/family name	<b>Asplin</b>
Sex	-
Age (if living)	-
<b>RELATIONSHIP(S)</b>	
Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar	
Issued under the seal of the Registrar on	<b>20 December 2012</b>
Registration Number	<b>1970026128</b>
CAUTION - Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.	

Figure 124: Death certificate of Ethel ASPLIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1970). (HB0074)



# New Zealand Death Certificate

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DECEASED

First/given name(s) **Walter Thomas**  
Surname/family name **Asplin**

(If different First/given name(s) at birth -  
from above) Surname/family name at birth -

Date of death **11 July 1961**  
Place of death **Middlemore Public Hospital Otahuhu From 110 Tui Road Papatoetoe**  
Cause or causes of death **Coroner's Finding**  
(as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order) **Massive Pulmonary Embolus**

Name of certifying doctor -  
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor -

Sex **Male**  
Age and date of birth **77 years Not Recorded**  
Place of birth **Spalding England**  
If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here **54**  
Usual home address -

Usual occupation, profession or job **Retired Farmer**  
Date of burial or cremation **14 July 1961**  
Place of burial or cremation **Cremated At Purewa**  
Age of each daughter **49 43**  
Age of each son **47 42**

**MOTHER:** First/given name(s) **Elizabeth**  
Surname/family name **Asplin**  
(If different First/given name(s) at birth -  
from above) Surname/family name at birth **Thompson**

**FATHER:** First/given name(s) **John**  
Surname/family name **Asplin**  
(If different First/given name(s) at birth -  
from above) Surname/family name at birth -

PARENTS

Relationship status at time of death **Not Recorded**  
Relationship type -  
Age of deceased at event **24**  
Place of marriage/civil union **Hamilton**  
**SPOUSE/** First/given name(s) **Ethel Mary**  
**PARTNER:** Surname/family name **Humberstone**  
Sex -  
Age (if living) **74**

RELATIONSHIP(S)

Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar

Issued under the seal of the Registrar on **20 December 2012**

Registration Number

**1961034629**



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Figure 125: Death certificate of Walter ASPLIN (1961). (HB0075)

## 5.3 BIDDY ELIZABETH HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1888 - d. 1981)

Biddy Elizabeth HUMBERSTONE (known as "Biddy" or "Bid") was born in Heckington, Lincolnshire on 3 April 1888, she married Walter Ranshaw FOUNTAIN (1884-1942) in Boston, Lincolnshire in January 1911. The couple and their two children (Maurice (b. 1911) and Phyllis (b. 1912)) accompanied the HUMBERSTONE family on the 1914 *Tainui* trip (being listed on the passenger manifest as Mr. W. Fountain, Mrs Fountain, Master E. Fountain, Miss P. Fountain) (see Figure 16).



*Figure 126: Kate HUMBERSTONE (1890-1981) on the left seated beside Biddy HUMBERSTONE (1888-1981) whose husband Walter FOUNTAIN (1883-1942) stands beside her, their two children Maurice (1911-1993) and Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970) are in front (estimated date around 1917?). (HBO100)*

In the 1919 electoral roll Biddy and Walter are living in Rora Street, Te Kuiti (the main street) and Walter's occupation is "fish dealer." This is the time when they are running the "Tivoli" tea rooms and have a shoe repair business beside it (See Figure 131 below).

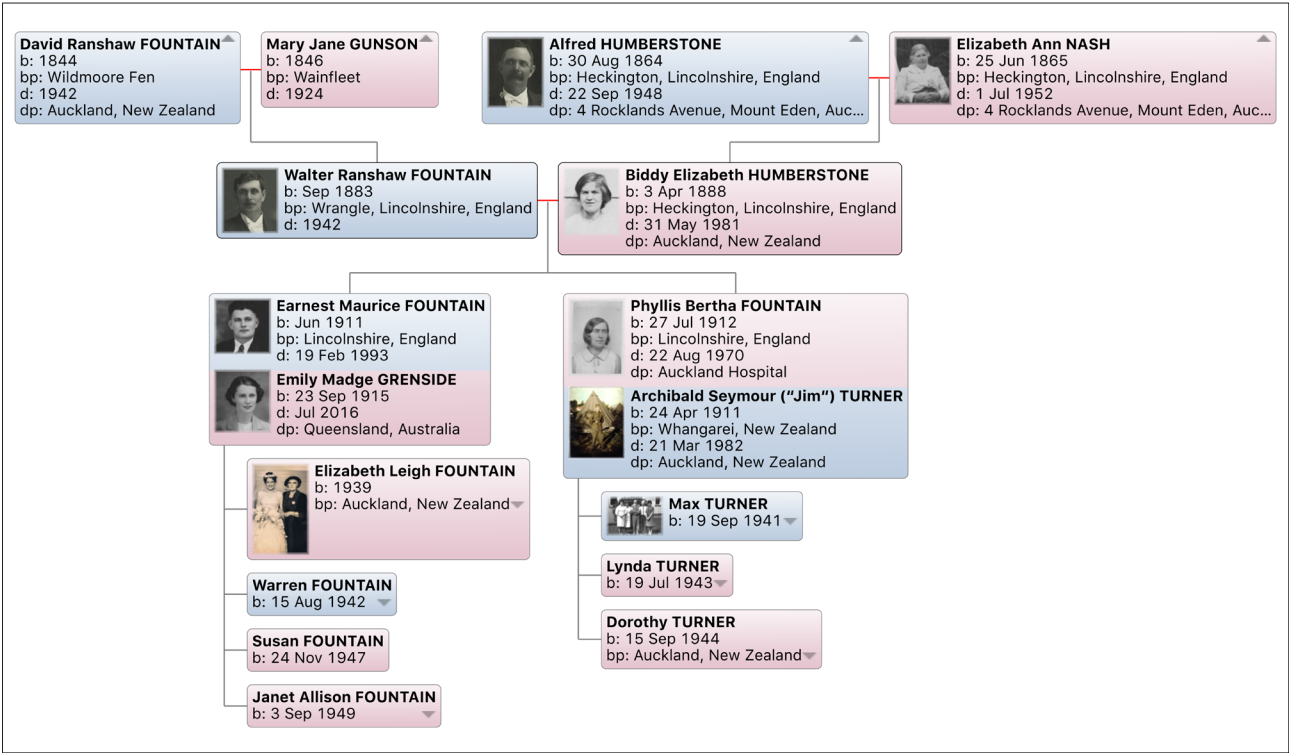


Figure 127: Overview of the descendants of Biddy HUMBERSTONE (1888-1981) and Walter Ranshaw FOUNTAIN (1883-1942).

By 1935 the family is living at 24 Spring Street, Freeman's Bay, where Walter is listed as a boot repairer and their son Maurice is an electrical worker (living with his parents). In 1938 Walter ("confectioner") and Biddy are living at 140 Victoria Street West (Central Auckland) as is their son Maurice.

By 1946 however, Walter has died and Biddy is living at 22 Oxton Road, Birkenhead as a widow. In 1954 she is living at her parents' house after their deaths at 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Eden. But eventually moves into 91 East Tamaki Road, Papatoetoe where Kate HUMBERSTONE, her husband Don McDONALD, and other sisters are also living together.





Figure 128: L to R Maurice FOUNTAIN (1911-1993), Nance HUMBERSTONE (1900-1978), Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970), Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1888-1981). (HB0077)

**FISH! FISH! FISH!**  
 Entirely Under New Management.  
**TIVOLI FISH SHOP AND DINING ROOM**  
 next to Wells, Butcher, is now OPEN, and  
 has a regular supply of Fresh and Smoked  
 Fish daily. Meals at all hours. Cooked  
 Fish to take away. Ring 193.  
**W. R. FOUNTAIN** ..... Proprietor.  
**TE KUITI.**

Figure 129: Advertisement for the FOUNTAIN fish shop Te Kuiti (Maoriland worker, Vol. 10, Issue 439, 6 Aug 1919, page 6).



Figure 130: L to R Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1888-1981), Walter FOUNTAIN (1883-1942), Maurice FOUNTAIN (1911-1993) and Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970) taken by the Crown Studio (Te Kuiti) at the marriage of Gert HUMBERSTONE to Walter CHESSUM (Te Kuiti, April 1920). (HB0201)



Figure 131: L to R FOUNTAIN (d. 1942), with Phyllis FOUNTAIN (b. 1912) and Earnest Maurice FOUNTAIN (d. 1993) outside the "Tivoli" dining rooms, the FOUNTAIN boot repair shop is next door (Te Kuiti, 1919). (HB00078)





*Figure 132: Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1888-1981) on 24 September 1960. (HB0079)*



*Figure 133: L to R Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970) with her parents Biddy (1888-1981) and Walter FOUNTAIN (1883-1942). (HB0343)*

### **Memories of Biddy Fountain (née Humberstone) by Dot SHARP (née TURNER) (April 2014)**

I loved my Grandma (Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE)) so much that after my mum (Phyllis TURNER (née FOUNTAIN)) died, I wanted to have Grandma come and live with Dad (Jim TURNER) and me. But she said it wouldn't be right. She was like my second mum. When we got home from school, after telling mum of our day, I was on to the phone to let Grandma know.

My sister Lynda and I would very often walk from Balmoral Presbyterian Church over to Grandma at Rocklands Ave for lunch on a Sunday. Starched white tablecloth and serviettes, milk jug and sugar bowl covered with crocheted doilies with little beads on the ends. Mr Beswick (a boarder) would have his own serviette ring. After Lynda and I had been confirmed we then attended St Alban's in Balmoral where Grandma and Aunty Glad worshipped. I remember seeing Great-Grandma [Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE] sitting in the front lounge at Rocklands Ave, first room on the left down the passage from the dining area. Grandma's room was at the front right-hand side and I remember cuddling up in bed with her. She always wore flannelette PJs.

She would take Lynda and me to afternoon tea at a café in Queen's Arcade and if our tea was too hot she would pour it into the saucer and tell us to drink it from there. Any hankies she ever saw on the ground would be picked up to take home, boil up, starch and use. "Never waste anything" she said. Grandma would scold me with "you'll get wrong duck" in her broad accent.

Uncle Maurice FOUNTAIN played cricket and one day he told Grandma that he had taken three wickets, she said "Oh Maurice, should you have done that?"

How precious was my love for Grandma and my mum.

## 5.3.1 EARNEST MAURICE FOUNTAIN

(b. 1913, LINCOLNSHIRE, ENGLAND -  
d. 19 FEBRUARY 1993 NEW ZEALAND)

m. Madge GRENSIDE (1915-2016)

5.3.1.1 Elizabeth Leigh FOUNTAIN (b. 1939)

5.3.1.2 Warren Ranshaw FOUNTAIN (b. 1942)

5.3.1.3 Susan Margaret FOUNTAIN (b. 1947)

5.3.1.4 Janet Allison FOUNTAIN (b. 1949)

The family lived in Ellerslie for many years.

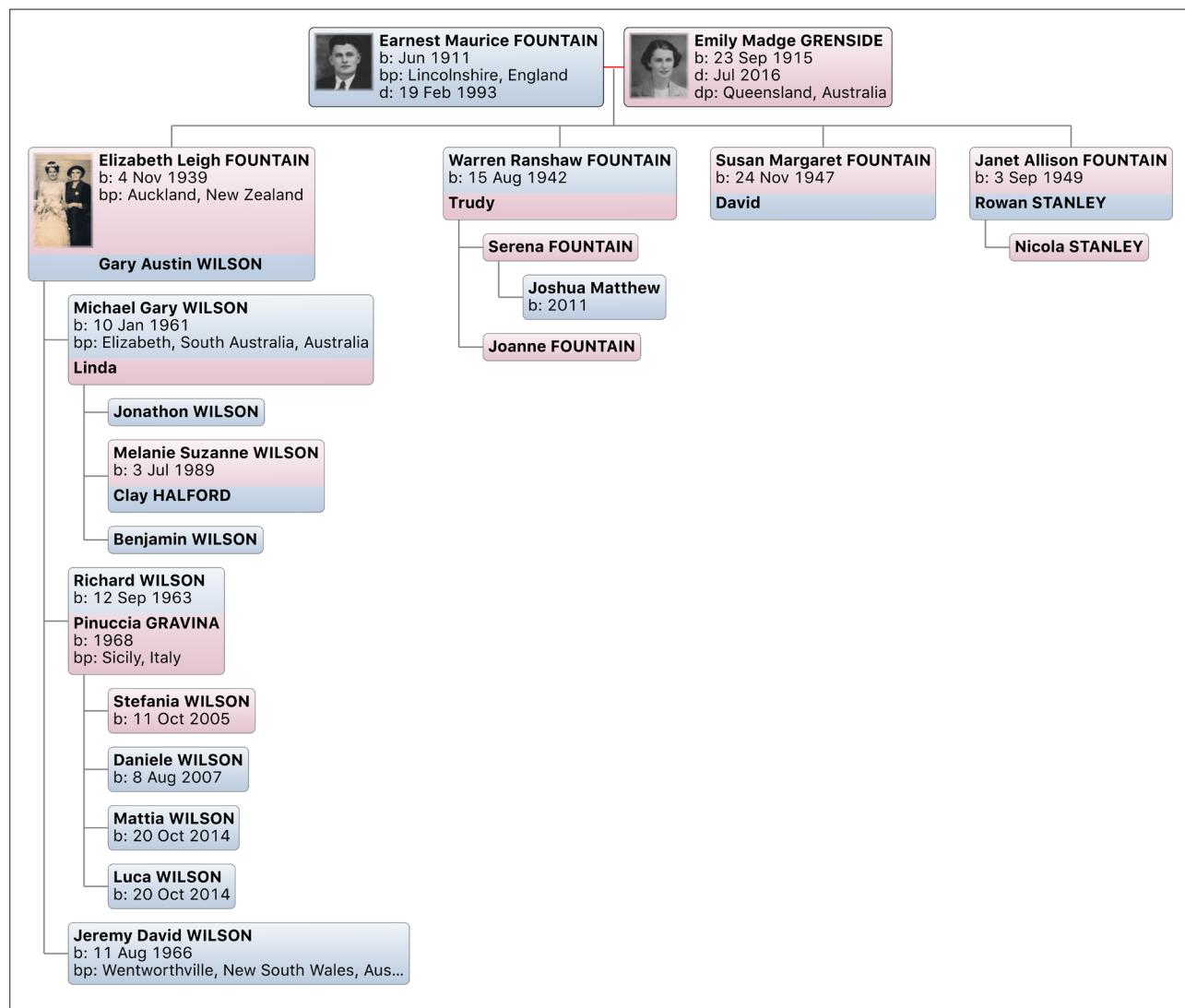


Figure 134: Overview of the descendants of Maurice FOUNTAIN (1911-1993) and Madge GRENSIDE (1915-2016).





Figure 135: Madge GRENSIDE (1915-2016) and Maurice FOUNTAIN (1911-1993) on their wedding day. (HB0239)



Figure 136: Walter FOUNTAIN (1883-1942), Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1888-1981) and Leigh FOUNTAIN (b. 1939). (HB0202)

# 5.3.2 PHYLLIS FOUNTAIN

(b. 27 JULY 1912, LINCOLNSHIRE, ENGLAND -  
d. 22 AUGUST 1970, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND)

m. Archibald Seymour (“Jim”) TURNER (24 April 1911-21 March 1982)

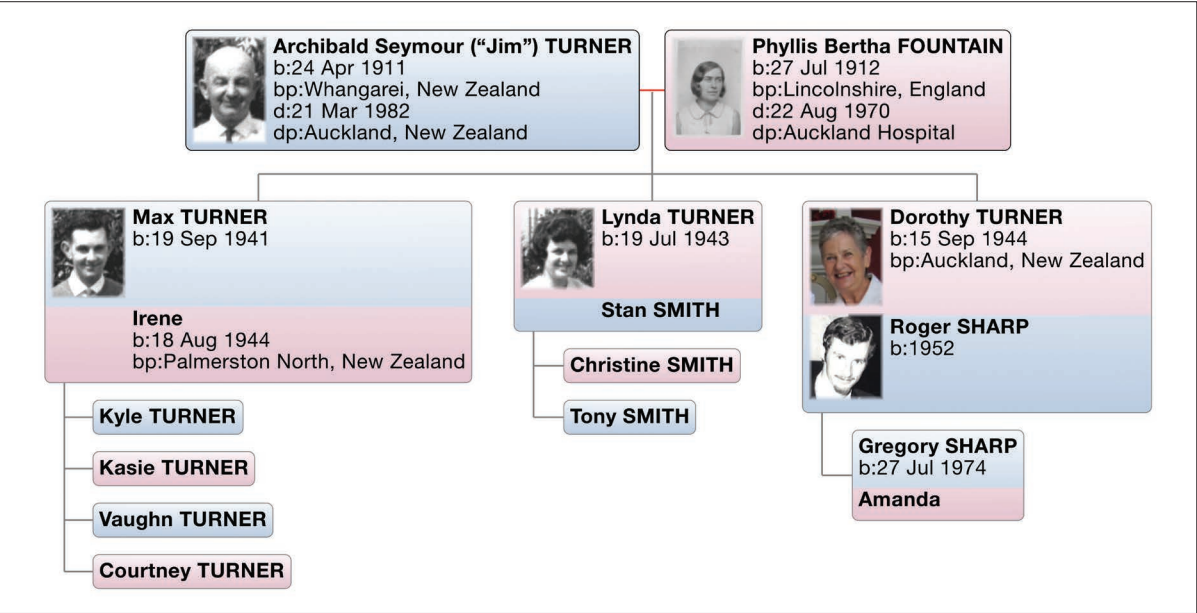


Figure 137: Descendants of Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970) and Jim TURNER (1911-1982).



Figure 138: Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970). (HB0240)

**Memories of Phyllis TURNER (née FOUNTAIN) by Dot SHARP (née TURNER) (April 2014)**

Some of her sayings were;

“Take my arm and call me Charlie.”

“Home James and don’t spare the horses.”

She told me that her dad (Walter FOUNTAIN) used to say “I love my home and I love them what love their own.”

I used to watch mum brush her lovely wavy hair and think how beautiful were her blue Humberstone eyes. I never heard mum complain even when she was so ill. She always just wanted to sit and watch. She didn’t ever want to be the centre of attention.

Lynda and I had been to Uncle Tom’s Choir<sup>1</sup> on a Sunday morning, mum was always ready with hot scones for morning tea before we went off to St Alban’s with dad.

Mum told me how once, when she was with Auntie Jo [HUMBERSTONE] on a tram, a child sitting in front of them kept turning around and she and Auntie Jo would pull faces to make him cry. When the mother turned around they would innocently look out the window!

Mum loved cats and when she was little she went missing one day and was found at the railway station cuddling a couple of kittens.

It is now 44 years since our mum passed away and I still miss her to this day. I was not married when she passed. Max and Lynda were, so I have been through all the major times of life without her. Our son (Greg) was born on her birthday, July 27th. He was three weeks overdue. But it has been so special to me that he chose that day to arrive.

The TURNER family lived at 2 Oxton Road, Sandringham for many years.



*Figure 139: Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970) with her mother Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1888-1981). (HB0340)*



*Figure 140: Roger SHARP standing, Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1888-1981) seated, Dorothy SHARP (née TURNER) (b. 1944) and her niece Christine SMITH. (HB0344)*

<sup>1</sup> “Uncle Tom’s Choir” was a Sunday morning religious broadcast that ended in 1964, Lynda and Dot were members.





Figure 141: Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970) with her two bridesmaids on the day of her wedding to Jim TURNER (1911-1982) (1940s). (HB0339)



Figure 142: Jo TATTERSFIELD (née HUMBERSTONE) (1908-1956) and her niece Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970). (HB0342)

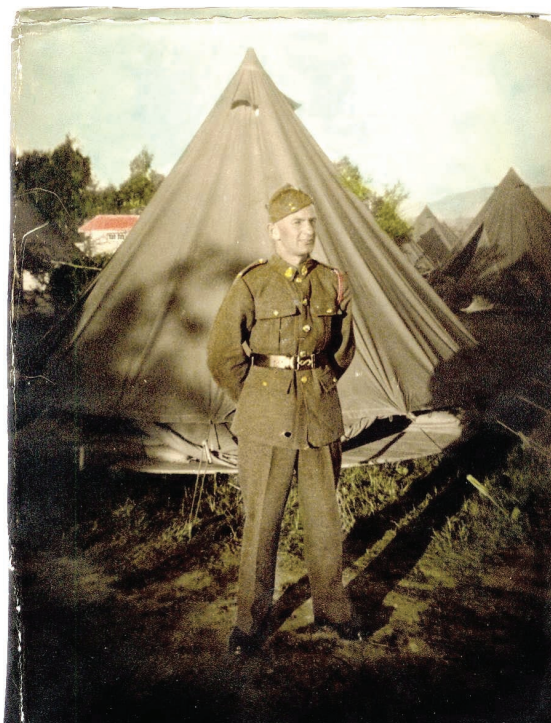


Figure 143: Jim TURNER (1911-1982) very dapper in uniform. (HB0337)



Figure 144: Jim TURNER (1911-1982) left front. (HB0338)



#### 5.3.2.1 Max TURNER (b. 19 September 1941)

Went to study at Massey University around 1960, graduated and worked there for many years after that.

#### 5.3.2.2 Lynda TURNER (b. 19 July 1943)

#### 5.3.2.3 Dorothy TURNER (b. 15 September 1944)

Married Roger SHARP, one son Gregory (b. 27 July 1974)



*Figure 145: The TURNER family (L to R) Lynda TURNER (b. 1943) mother Phyllis (née FOUNTAIN) (1912-1970), Max TURNER (b. 1941), father Jim TURNER (1911-1982) and Dorothy TURNER (b. 1944). (HBO341)*





*Figure 146: Foreground, Phyllis FOUNTAIN (1912-1970) holding her daughter Dorothy FOUNTAIN's hand; background, Phyllis's mother on the left, Biddy FOUNTAIN (née HUMBERSTONE) (1888-1981) and her sister Kate McDONALD (née HUMBERSTONE) (1890-1981) on the right. (HB0346).*

## 5.4 KATE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1890 - d. 1981)

Kate HUMBERSTONE was born in the village of Heckington, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire England, on the 8th February 1890. She was 24 when she arrived in Piopio with the large HUMBERSTONE family in May 1914. Before arrival in New Zealand Kate had already been working as a teacher around Heckington, she had received strong recommendations from the vicarage in Old Leake and other local dignitaries.



*Figure 147: Kate HUMBERSTONE (1890-1981), the photographer's name is embossed on the portrait "GF Jenkinson, Hamilton, NZ," he was in business there until 1925. (HB0080)*

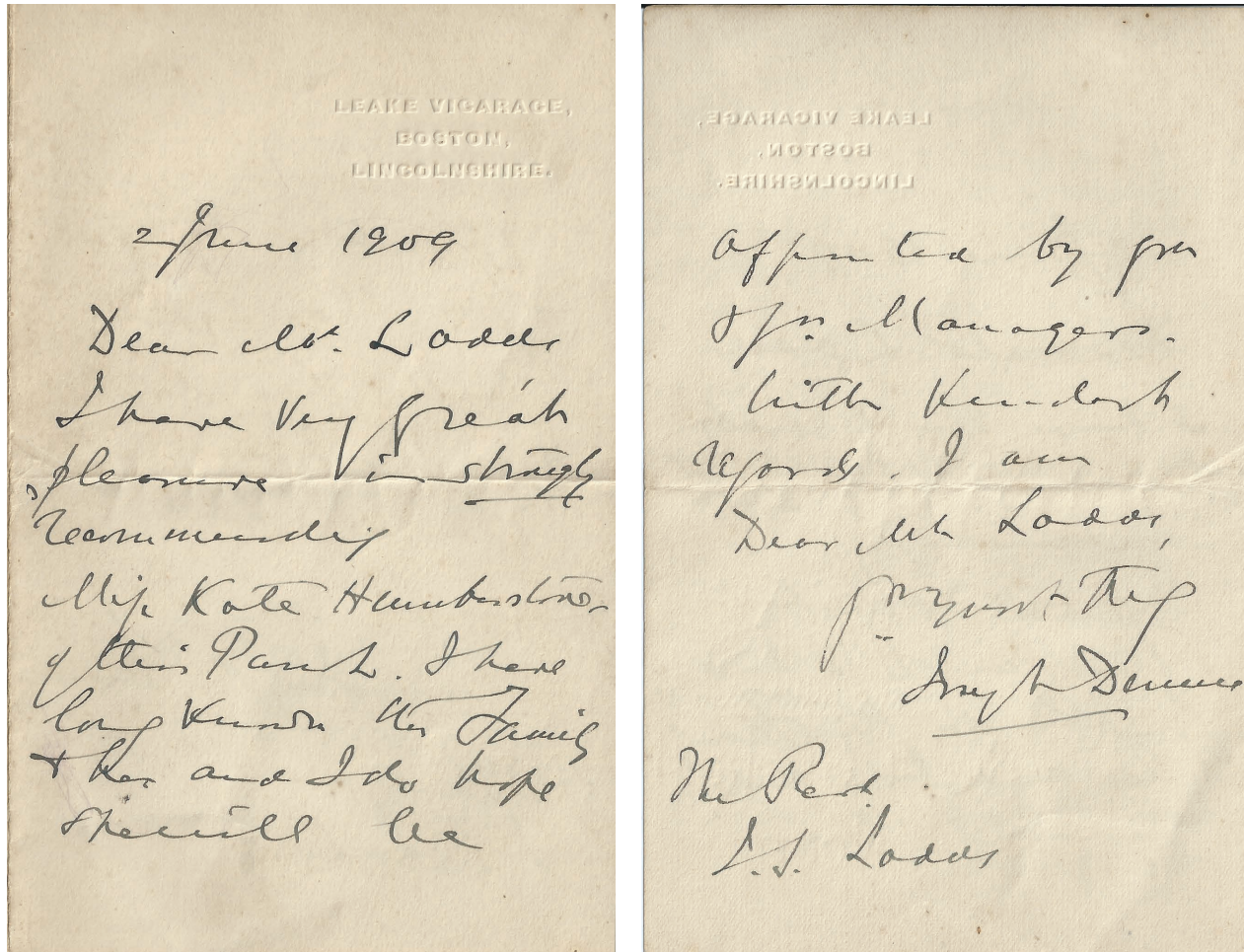


Figure 148: A handwritten reference for Kate HUMBERSTONE: "Leake Vicarage, 2 June 1909, Dear Mr Lodds [?], I have very great pleasure in strongly recommending Miss Kate Humberstone of this Parish. I have long known the family and her and I do hope she will be appointed by you & the managers.. With kindest regards, I am dear Mr Lodds ...". (HB0094A and 94B)



HOLLAND (LINCOLNSHIRE) EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

MEMORANDUM.

FROM  
E. Little,  
Headmaster, Church End School,  
Old Leake.  
Boston.

To *All whom it may concern.*

*2nd June 1909.*

*Miss Kate Humberstone has, for the last three years, been Monitress in the Infants' Department, and has given entire satisfaction.*

*Signed,*  
*Edward Little,*  
*Head Master.*

Figure 149: Another recommendation for Kate HUMBERSTONE by the Headmaster of Church End School, Old Leake, Lincolnshire: "2nd June, 1909, To all whom it may concern, Miss Kate Humberstone has for the last three years been Monitress [?] in the infants' department and has given entire satisfaction. Signed Edward Little, Head Master." (HB0090)

#### 5.4 KATE HUMBERSTONE



*Figure 150: Kate (1890-1981) and her sister Nance HUMBERSTONE (1900-1979); another GF Jenkinson, Hamilton portrait. (HB0081)*

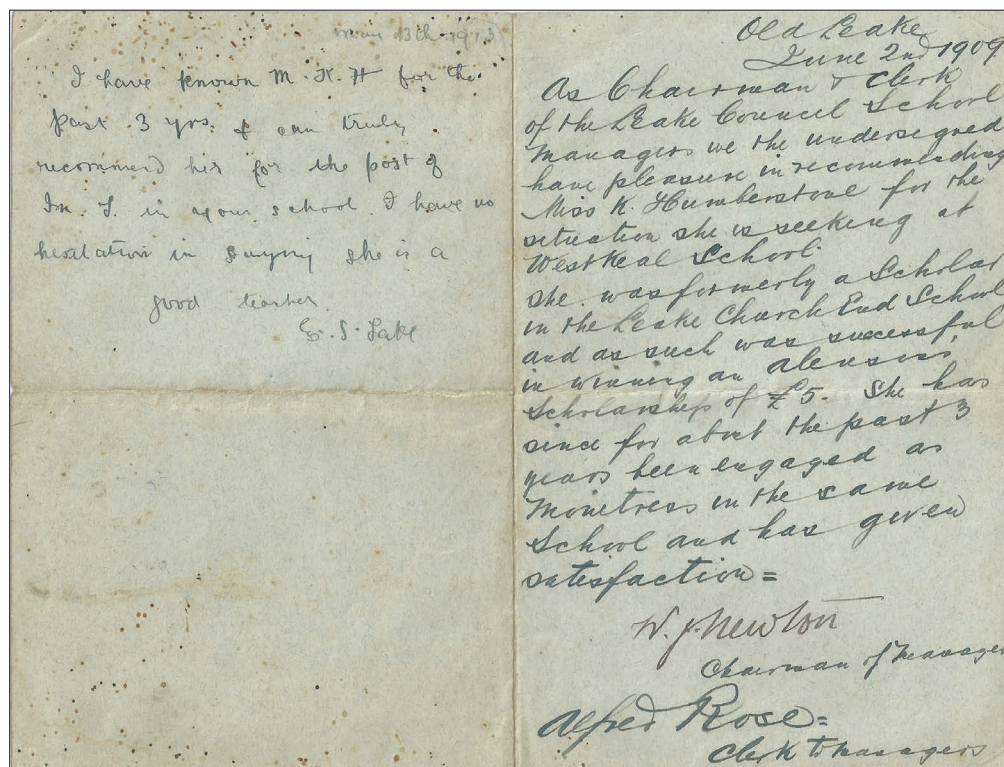


Figure 151: Another recommendation note for Kate HUMBERSTONE from Old Leake school (1909). (HB0092)

May 13th, 1913

I have known M.K.H for the past 3 years and can truly recommend her for the post of In[fant] T[eacher?] in your school. I have no hesitation in saying she is a good teacher

E. S. Lake

Old Leake, June 2, 1909

As Chairman and Clerk of the Leake Council School Managers we the undersigned have pleasure in recommending Miss K. Humberstone for the situation she is seeking at West Keal School.

She was formerly a scholar in the Leake Church End School and as such was successful in winning an Aleson's Scholarship of £5. She has since, for about the past 3 years, been engaged as Monitress in the same school and has given satisfaction.

[Signed]

W. J. Newton  
Chairman of Managers [?]

Alfred Rose  
Clerk to Managers



## 5.4 KATE HUMBERSTONE

In the 1914 and 1919 electoral rolls Kate is living with her parents and sister Gladys at Wairere near Piopio. Very quickly she was employed to teach in the district and the following notes are from a local history of Piopio:

*Soon after the [Piopio] school was built the number of pupils increased steadily and during 1913 there were fifty-five pupils on the roll. Both Mr C. Hotson and his successor, Mr. A. Menzies, were called upon to teach this number of pupils without any assistance. In August 1914, Mr. F. J. Lownsbrough was appointed sole teacher and through his efforts and those of the School Committee, Miss Kate Humberstone was appointed in February 1915, as the first female teacher at the Piopio school, although her sister, Gladys and Mrs Hickey had taken sewing lessons with the senior girls for the past three years. Miss Kate Humberstone remained as infant mistress for the next six years. She used the porch as a classroom for over two years or shared the only classroom with another teacher. ... In June 1916 a Departmental Inspector, Mr M. McLeod, visited the school to find the roll had increased to 80 and that the two teachers, Mr. F. J. Lownsbrough and Miss K. Humberstone were working under next to impossible conditions [and a new room was soon built].<sup>1</sup>*

Another account:

*On 3rd February, 1915, Miss K. Humberstone commenced duties as the first woman teacher and the first infant mistress at the Piopio school. Under varying weather conditions and on an extremely muddy road she came in from Wairere daily on horseback to serve the school faithfully for six years. During all that time she was handling classes of up to sixty or more pupils. Frequent changes of headmasters created difficult problems concerning continuity of work and strong discipline and these did not make Miss Humberstone's task by any means an easy one. She took a great personal interest in each of her pupils who received a good basic training under her tuition.<sup>2</sup>*

Kate's sister Gladys worked at Arapae school from around 1915 to 1920, being farewelled from there in April 1920 or so, the following article appears in the *King Country Chronicle* (Volume XIII, Issue 1359, 27 April 1920, page 5):

*After six years of service at the Arapae School Miss Humberstone was recently transferred. On Thursday the residents of the district showed their appreciation of her efforts on behalf of the children. Two pupils, Eunice Venall and Peggy Luxford, presented Miss Humberstone with a suit case and an ebony brush and comb as a token of the regard in which the parents and residents hold her. Miss Humberstone left for her new position on Friday.*

**TOWN HALL, PIO PIO.**

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**Benedicts' and Spinsters' Plain  
and Fancy Dress  
BALL.**

**To be held in the above hall on  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1919,  
at 8 p.m.**

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**All returned soldiers specially  
invited.**

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**Tickets: Double 7/6, single 5/.**

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**K. HUMBERSTONE,  
Hon. Sec.**

Figure 152: Ad in the *King Country Chronicle*, 6 September 1920. (HB0274)

<sup>1</sup> Photocopy from an unreferenced local history of Waimiha (published in the late-1970s or early 1980s (p. 7).

<sup>2</sup> Photocopy from an unreferenced local history of Waimiha (published in the late-1970s or early 1980s (p. 25).

Kate also won prizes for her fancywork, as evidenced by citations from the King Country show "Home industries section" (*King Country Chronicle*, Volume XIII, Issue 1339, 9 March 1920, page 5). Gladys was teaching at Arapae school (1914-1919) while sister Kate next appears in 1921 at Taringamutu school. Kate as honorary secretary helped organized a "Benedicts' and Spinsters' plain and fancy dress ball" in the Pio Pio town hall on Friday September 19th 1920 (See Figure 152) to which returned soldiers were particularly invited (double entry 7 shillings and sixpence, single 5 shillings).<sup>3</sup>

Kate married Donald McDONALD (b. Masterton 29 March 1892-21 June 1969) on 18 January 1921 at Piopio and a number of photos of their wedding survive (see below).



Figure 153: Donald McDONALD (1892-1969) in World War I uniform. (HB0083)



Figure 154: Cover of the Te Kuiti review programme (29 September 1917) raising funds for the Soldiers' Club (Auckland), it includes small portrait photographs of local soldiers, including D. McDONALD. (HB0336)

Kate is listed in the 1928, 1935, 1938 and 1946 electoral rolls (Bay of Plenty) as living in Piritah, Waimiha (1928) or the address is just "Waimiha" (1935), while Donald is listed as a farmer in Waimiha both times, he was a soldier returned from World War I and in a ballot in 1920 had been allocated a block of land at Waimiha. Waimiha was famous for its sawmills and the difficulties of breaking in the terrain for farming (see Figures 167-168 below).

When the couple arrived at their land, access was by pack track from Waimiha.<sup>4</sup> Together they began to break in the land and even build roads, Kate's brothers (Ernie, Tom and Eric) all also worked at various times on the farm. Although Kate and Donald never had any children we know many details of their life from a set of surviving diaries that covers some of these years.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Papers Past, *King Country Chronicle*, 6 September 1919, page 4 Advertisements Column 3.

<sup>4</sup> Walker, Audrey and Don Cooke. 2003. *Waimiha: people of character: a district history*. Waimiha: Waimiha Reunion 2001 Committee. ISBN 0908724314 (p. 54).

<sup>5</sup> About ten diaries and a number of wedding photos belonging to Kate were retrieved by her younger brother Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) when sorting the house at East Tamaki Road after her death, Tom kept them and these were retained by Tom's oldest daughter Diana HUMBERSTONE who has since then typed them all up. They date from 1926 onwards.

## 5.4 KATE HUMBERSTONE

In 1930 D. McDONALD of Waimiha is listed as having 294 sheep on April 1 1930 (he had 220 on the same date in 1929).<sup>6</sup>

Don and Kate moved to Auckland and in 1946 are listed as living at 343 Richardson Street, Mount Roskill, Auckland where Donald's occupation is still given as "farmer." In 1954 they were living in Shaw Road, Orati (Henderson, Glen Massey), again his occupation is still "farmer."

By 1963 both had retired and were living in their house at 91 East Tamaki Road, Papatoetoe, purchased by them in 1960. Kate's sisters (Gladys, Nance, Biddy) also came to live in the same house. A separate sleep-out was built out the back for Nance. Family tradition has it that Kate kept considerable amounts of cash under the bed, not trusting banks or the tax department all that much.



Figure 155: Donald McDONALD (1892-1969). (HB0082)

Figure 156: (L to R) Donald McDONALD's parents Donald McDONALD (senior) and Fanny Elizabeth McDONALD (1870-1936) with their son Donald McDONALD (1892-1969), daughter-in-law Kate HUMBERSTONE (1890-1981), Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE (née NASH) (1865-1952), Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948), Piopio wedding 18 January 1921. (HB0236)

<sup>6</sup> Return of sheepowners and of the number of sheep and lambs in each county on the 30th April, 1929 and 1930 (*Appendix to the Journal of the House of Representatives*, 1930), Taumarunui county, p. 25.





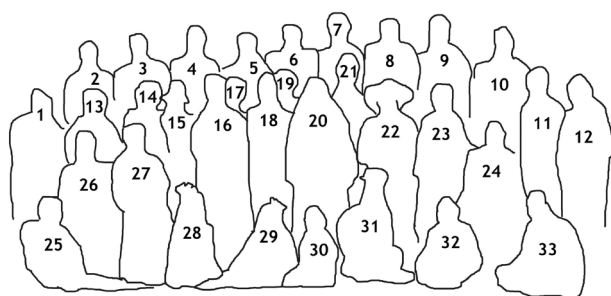
Figure 157: A day out? Kate HUMBERSTONE (1890-1981) seated in second row, with husband Donald McDonald (1892-1969) beside her. (HB0084)



Figure 158: Another wedding photo from the 18 January 1921 wedding in Piopio: L to R Alfred HUMBERSTONE, Jessie McDONALD (seated), John McDONALD (groom's brother), Donald McDONALD (groom), Kate HUMBERSTONE (bride), Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983) (bride's sister), Evelyn McDONALD (groom's sister): two of the bride's nieces are seated in the front row Effie ASPLIN, Doll ASPLIN, along with the bride's youngest sister Josephine HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956). (HB0085)



Figure 159: Wedding of Kate HUMBERSTONE and Donald McDONALD in Piopio, 18 January 1921 (for names see below). (HB0335)



Key to the 1921 photo: 11 Alfred HUMBERSTONE; 15 Jessie McDONALD (?); 16 John McDONALD; 18 Donald McDONALD; 20 Kate HUMBERSTONE; 21 Ernie HUMBERSTONE?; 22 Gladys HUMBERSTONE; 24 Elizabeth Ann HUMBERSTONE (née NASH); 26 Donald McDONALD (Senior); 27 Fanny Elizabeth McDONALD; 28 Josephine HUMBERSTONE; 29 Effie ASPLIN; 30 Doll ASPLIN; 31 Evelyn McDONALD (others as yet unidentified).



#### 5.4 KATE HUMBERSTONE



Figure 160: Victorian milk glass and crystal lustre (est. 1870s), belonging to Donald McDONALD's mother and handed down to Donald and Kate (currently in the possession of Diana WILES (née HUMBERSTONE)). (HB0086)



Figure 161: Donald McDONALD (1892-1969), Kate McDONALD (1890-1981), Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948) and Elizabeth Ann (1865-1952) perhaps in Waimiha. (HB0097)



Figure 162: Kate McDONALD (née HUMBERSTONE) (1890-1981) and Donald McDONALD (1892-1969) on 24 September 1960. (HB0087)

Kate kept a number of diaries that have survived. These are brief but provide background to some of the family events for the periods they cover.

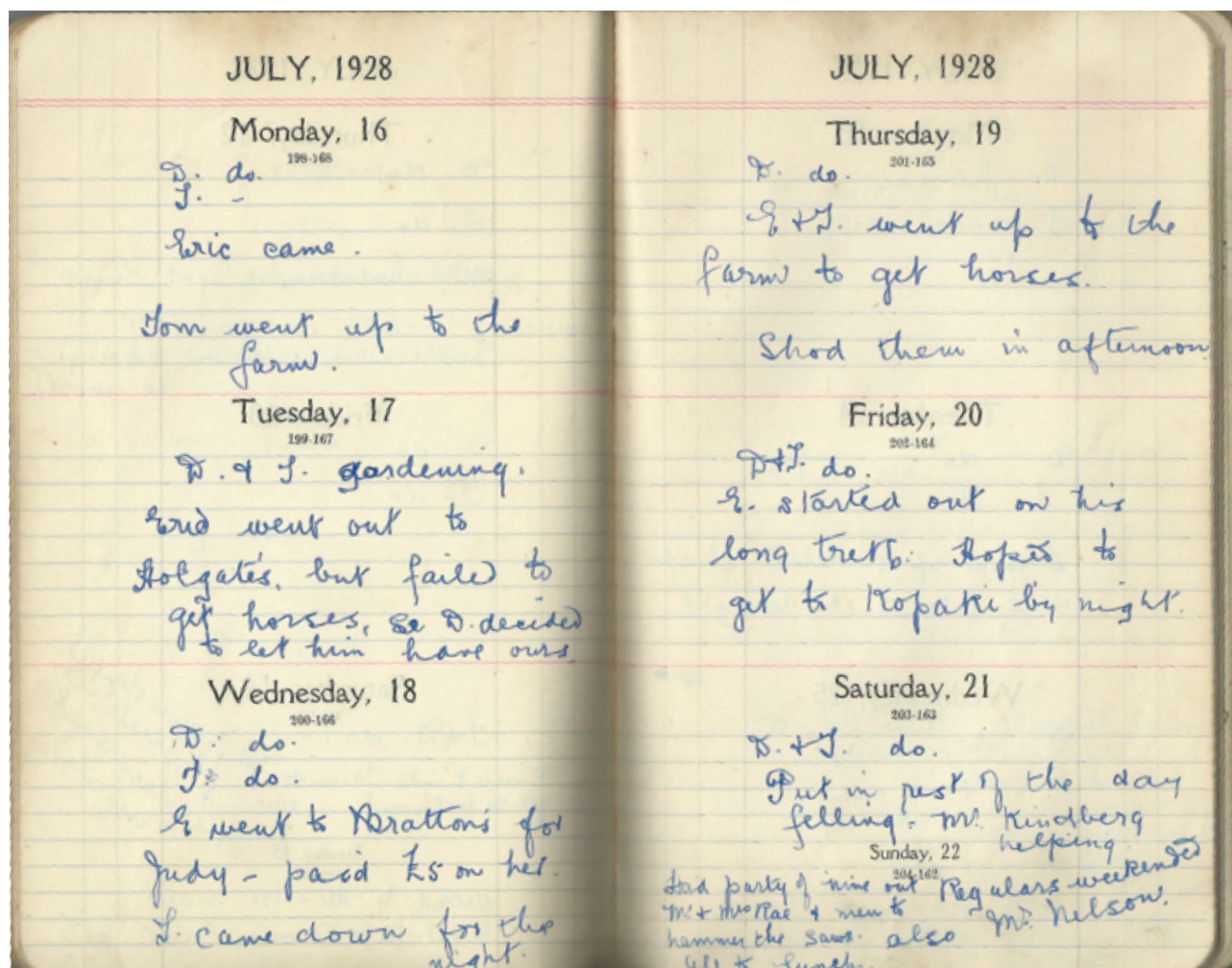


Figure 163: Sample page from one of Kate's diaries (Waimiha 1928). (HB0096)



BDM 108

# New Zealand Death Certificate

**DECEASED**

First/given name(s) **Kate**  
Surname/family name **MacDonald**

(If different First/given name(s) at birth -  
from above) Surname/family name at birth -

Date of death **9 September 1981**

Place of death **Kingseat Psychiatric Hospital Karaka**

Cause or causes of death **Bronchopneumonia - 3 Days**

(as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order) **Senile Dementia - 6 Years**

Name of certifying doctor **P L Oliver**

Date last seen alive by certifying doctor **9 September 1981**

Sex **Female**

Age and date of birth **91 years 4 October 1889**

Place of birth **Heckington Lincolnshire England**

If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here **67**

Usual home address **91 East Tamaki Road**

**Papatoetoe**

Usual occupation, profession or job **Widow**

Date of burial or cremation **12 September 1981**

Place of burial or cremation **Cremated at Purewa**

Age of each living daughter -

Age of each living son -

**PARENTS**

**MOTHER:** First/given name(s) **Elizabeth**  
Surname/family name **Humberstone**

(If different First/given name(s) at birth -  
from above) Surname/family name at birth **Nash**

**FATHER:** First/given name(s) **Alfred**  
Surname/family name **Humberstone**

(If different First/given name(s) at birth -  
from above) Surname/family name at birth -

**RELATIONSHIP(S)**

Relationship status at time of death -

Relationship type **Marriage**

Age of deceased at event **30**

Place of marriage/civil union **Wairere**

**SPOUSE:** First/given name(s) **Donald**

**PARTNER:** Surname/family name **MacDonald**

Sex -

Age (if living) -

Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar

Issued under the seal of the Registrar on **04 September 2013**

Registration Number

**1981028076**

CAUTION - Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.

Figure 164: Death certificate of Kate McDONALD (née HUMBERSTONE) (1981). (HB0088)



# New Zealand Death Certificate

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## DECEASED

First/given name(s) **Donald**  
Surname/family name **McDonald**

*(If different from above)* First/given name(s) at birth **-**  
Surname/family name at birth **MacDonald**

Date of death **21 June 1969**  
Place of death **Public Hospital Middlemore**  
Cause or causes of death **Bronchopneumonia - Weeks  
Gangrene of Right Leg - 4 Days  
Popliteal Embolism - 4 Days  
Generalised Arteriosclerosis - Years**

*(as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order)*

Name of certifying doctor **D J D Andrew**  
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor **21 June 1969**

Sex **Male**  
Age and date of birth **77 years Not Recorded**  
Place of birth **Masterton**  
If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here **-**  
Usual home address **91 East Tamaki Road  
Papatoetoe**  
Usual occupation, profession or job **Sheep Farmer Ex-Serviceman**  
Date of burial or cremation **24 June 1969**  
Place of burial or cremation **Waikumete**  
Age of each living daughter **-**  
Age of each living son **-**

## PARENTS

**MOTHER:** First/given name(s) **Fanny Elizabeth**  
Surname/family name **MacDonald**  
*(If different from above)* First/given name(s) at birth **-**  
Surname/family name at birth **Duckett**

**FATHER:** First/given name(s) **Donald**  
Surname/family name **MacDonald**  
*(If different from above)* First/given name(s) at birth **-**  
Surname/family name at birth **-**

## RELATIONSHIP(S)

Relationship status at time of death **-**  
Relationship type **Marriage**  
Age of deceased at event **28**  
Place of marriage/civil union **Pio Pio**

**SPOUSE/** First/given name(s) **Kate**  
**PARTNER:** Surname/family name **Humberstone**  
Sex **-**  
Age (if living) **79**

Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar

Issued under the seal of the Registrar on **04 September 2013**

Registration Number

**1969029111**



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Figure 165: Death certificate of Donald McDONALD (1969). (HB0089)



P.S. Please forgive me forgetting to  
 send a note for Daddy's absence last-  
 Thursday. I was very sick, so Pre-Luin  
 to help me & my headmaster made me  
 forget many things. I thought it was awfully good of you  
 sister to come over to me yesterday.  
 "Pleasant" Pio Pio  
 17-7-17.

My dear Miss Humberstone -

Annie got all ready to go to your  
 rehearsal today but the weather became so bad about the  
 time she was going to leave that I thought she had better not  
 go, especially as she was intending to walk down. I think  
 she will come on Thursday if fine. I was very sorry  
 indeed when you felt Annie leaving the Pio Pio school  
 for a time - but you know a parent must study a child's well-  
 fare first. I cannot see that any master will ever get  
 the credit for what you taught my dear daughter. One  
 who observes things carefully can see at a glance when, and  
 under whom a child progresses at school, or the reverse,  
 & I am certain no nice person wishes to take the credit  
 for what another has done. I was very disturbed at  
 having to take both Ross & St. away (if only for a short  
 time.) I have far more to worry me than anyone knows  
 & a big strain on me all the time, but I suppose everyone has  
 their troubles. Allow me - while I am mentioning the  
 children to thank you very sincerely for your goodness to Annie  
 & Teddy - they both enjoy their lessons very much & always  
 want to go to school. Things ought to go better - from now on  
 & in preparation for the S. concert. It has been hard luck for you  
 so far.

With love,  
 Yours sincerely  
 K. R. Wilson.

Figure 166: Letter sent to Kate HUMBERSTONE while teaching at school in 1917 and kept by her throughout her life. (HBO095)

PioPio  
Rewarewa

17-7-1917

*My dear Miss Humberstone*

*Annie got all ready to go to your rehearsal today but the weather became so bad about the time she was going to leave that I thought she had better not go, especially as she was intending to walk down. I think she will come on Thursday if fine.*

*I was very sorry indeed to hear you felt [sic] Annie leaving the Piopio school for a time—but you know a parent must study a child's welfare first. I cannot see that any master will ever get the credit for what you taught my dear daughter. One who observes things carefully can see at a glance when, and under whom a child progresses at school, or the reverse, and I am certain no wise person wishes to take the credit for what another has done. I was very disturbed at having to take both Boss and A. away (if only for a short time).*

*I have far more to worry me than anyone knows and a big strain is on me all the time, but I suppose everyone has their troubles. Allow me—while I am mentioning the children, to thank you very sincerely for your goodness to Annie and Teddy—they both enjoy their lessons very much and always want to go to school. Things ought to go better—from now on in preparation for the school concert. It has been hard luck for you so far,*

*With love*

*Yours sincerely,  
KR Nilson [?]*

*PS Please forgive me forgetting to send a note from Teddy's absence last Thursday. I was very sick, so kept him to help me and my headaches made me forget many things. I thought it was awfully good of your sister to come over to me yesterday and hope she arrived home before the storm KRN.*




[L. & S.—B. 27a]

**CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD**

(Issued under section 46 of the Land Transfer Act, 1915, as amended by section 30 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1920)

**DUPLICATE** for District Land Registrar.  
Embodied in the Provisional Register  
this 1st day of December, 1952.

Vol. 20A Fol. 136.  
Provisional Register.

 C. J. Humberstone  
District Land Registrar

District Lands and Survey Office,  
HAMILTON.

No. 6173. 11th November, 1952.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that \* DONALD McDONALD of TE KUITI, FARMER—

-----has paid  
the sum of -----FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY----- pounds  
----- shillings and ----- pence (£ 420 : - : - )  
in full payment of purchase-money required in respect of the freehold of † Section 6 Block VI  
Ongerua Survey District.

containing by admeasurement -----Five hundred and one (501)-----acres  
-----roods and ----- perches,  
a little more or less, being all the land comprised in Special Tenure Lesse No. D.S. 665 ,  
entered in the Land Registry Office, Vol. 330 , folio 218 , and that the said freehold  
has been acquired under the authority given by section 4 of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement  
Act, 1915.

Restriction on title (if any):  
  
Subject to the same restrictions as are imposed in the case of leases  
by Section 206 of the Land Act 1924.

Date from which entitled: 8th October, 1952.

C. J. Humberstone  
District Commissioner of Crown Lands.

S. 45994 Transfer Donald McDonald to Arthur John Sireen  
of Auckland, Company director Produced 6.3.1953 at  
2.47 o/c. ALR.

S. 45995 Mortgage Arthur John Sireen to Donald  
McDonald Produced 6.3.1953 at 2.49 o/c. ALR.

Certified  
WARRANT 1215/1953 CANCELLED AND  
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
ISSUED VOL. 20A FOL. 269  
ALR.

**DUPLICATE DESTROYED**

130 (pado/1/30—1542)

Figure 167: Certificate of freehold purchase of the McDONALD farm at Waimiha (Donald McDONALD and Kate McDONALD (née HUMBERSTONE)) in 1952. (HBO218)



Figure 168: Detail of a map of Waimiha (Alexander Turnbull Library) showing the McDONALD land parcel, shaded area 6 on the map. Source: [Waimiha - Hurukia and Ongarua survey districts] [map with ms annotations], 1920. (MapColl-832.17gbbd/1920/Acc.35537) (used with permission). (HB0093)

## 5.5 GERTRUDE BONNER HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1891 - d. 1984)

Gertrude HUMBERSTONE was born on 2 November, 1891 in Sutterton (a village 10 kilometres south-west of Boston) Lincolnshire where her father was a miller and baker. According to her son, Bob CHESSUM (b. 1924), prior to the departure for New Zealand in 1914 (when she was 22 years old) Gert had been, at least for some time, "in service." On the 1914 trip to New Zealand she assiduously kept a track of the number of miles travelled per day (see pages 21-24 above). On 5 April 1920 at Te Kuiti she married Walter CHESSUM. Walter CHESSUM had been born in Wrestlingworth, Bedfordshire on 17th April 1890.



*Figure 169: Gertrude HUMBERSTONE (1891-1984), a portrait made in Hamilton by 'Paterson and Co.' (date uncertain). (HB0101)*





Figure 170: Sisters Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983) and Gert (1891-1984) probably sometime before departure for New Zealand in 1914. (HB0229)

As a demonstration of the difference having a family informant makes, prior to Bob CHESSUM preparing his account of his parents' life (see the section below 'Memories of Gertrude HUMBERSTONE and Walter CHESSUM'), the only information we had was limited to the following extracts from official publications:

*In 1928, 1935, 1938, 1946, 1954 both Gertrude and Walter are listed on electoral rolls as living in Warkworth, with Walter's occupation given as labourer. In the 1957, 1963, 1969, 1972, 1978, and 1981 rolls their street address is given as 16 Hexham Street and Walter is listed as 'retired.'*

DATE.	WEATHER.	DIST. RUN.	LAT.	LONG.
Sept 5.		222		
" 6.		270		
" 7.		315		
" 8.		327		
" 9.		297		
" 10.		265		
" 11.		325		
" 12.		326		
" 13.		316		
" 14.		317		
" 15.		304		
" 16.		297		
" 17.		300		
" 18.		306		
" 19.		297		
" 20.		287		
" 21.		294		
" 22.		205		
" 23.		292		
" 24.		260		
" 25.		164		
" 26.		245		
" 27.		296		

DATE.	WEATHER.	DIST. RUN.	LAT.	LONG.
Sept 28.		309		
" 29.		306		
" 30.		310		
May 1.		296		
" 2.		296		
" 3.		301		
" 4.		325		
" 5.		305		
" 6.		300		
" 7.		309		
" 8.		316		
" 9.		327		
" 10.		324		
" 11.		313		
" 12.		295		
" 13.		303		
" 14.		6.4. H.M. 3.04		
" 15.		0		
" 16.		287		
" 17.		304		
" 18.		312		
" 19.		304		
" 20.		11.4. H.M. 3.04		

Figure 171: Back cover of the passenger list for the voyage from England to New Zealand, Gert noted down the miles travelled each day (for further images see Figures 15-17 above). (HB0016)



*Figure 172: Walter CHESSUM (1890-1989) and Gertrude HUMBERSTONE (1891-1984) on their wedding day (5 April 1920, Te Kuiti Anglican Church) (photography by Crown Studios, Te Kuiti). (HB0103)*





Figure 173: Wedding of Gertrude HUMBERSTONE to Walter CHESSUM, 5 April 1920, Te Kuiti Anglican Church: (L to R) Alfred HUMBERSTONE, Walter Ranshaw FOUNTAIN (seated), Walter CHESSUM, Gertrude HUMBERSTONE, Gladys HUMBERSTONE (seated), Kate HUMBERSTONE; front row, Phyllis FOUNTAIN, Doll ASPLIN, Effie ASPLIN, Josephine HUMBERSTONE. (HB0102)



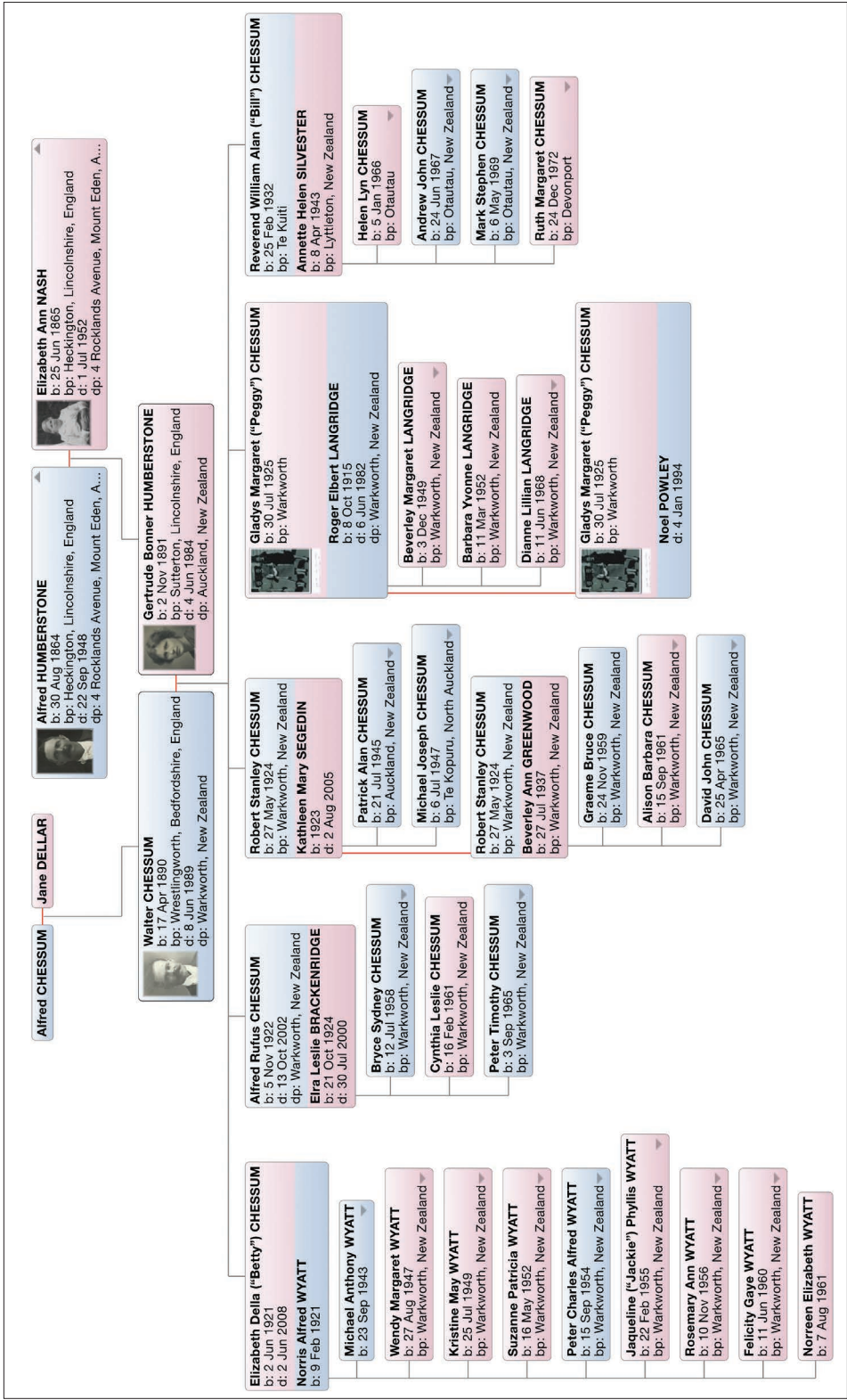


Figure 174: Overview of the children of Gert HUMBERSTONE (1891-1984) and Walter CHESSUM (1890-1989).

**Memories of Getrude HUMBERSTONE and Walter CHESSUM by their son Bob CHESSUM (b. 1924)**

Gertrude Bonner HUMBERSTONE came to New Zealand with her family in 1914 and lived on the farm at Piopio until her marriage in 1920. Before coming to New Zealand she became engaged to Robert Jefferies, a British policeman, and had intended to return to Britain to marry him the next year, but later broke her engagement to remain with her family. Robert, then, enlisted, joined the Life Guards and in 1916 while serving in France, died from wounds. His mother was notified of his death in the same week that his father passed away. Gertrude maintained a regular correspondence with Mrs. Jeffries until after World War II and named her second son Robert after her former fiancé.

Walter CHESSUM, born in Wrestlingworth, Bedfordshire, came to New Zealand in 1912. Little is known of his first years in New Zealand other than that he volunteered in 1914, and was rejected for health reasons, and that, following a spell in hospital, he was advised to move to the country and so took up a farm in the Piopio-Aria area, south west of Te Kuiti. He first met Gertrude when he called at the HUMBERSTONE farm (at Wairere) to ask the way.

They married in Hamilton on Easter Sunday 1920 and, originally, lived in Waimiha where Walter worked on the railways and where their first child, Elizabeth was born in 1921. Shortly afterwards Walter purchased the property "Rose Mere" a small farm in Warkworth, which Walter farmed while working at Wilton's Cement works. The original house was close to the river and he used a rowing boat to travel to work down the river and to reach the township about half a mile up-river.

Gertrude's main contact with her family, at this time was with the FOUNTAINS (Gert's sister Biddy and her husband Walter) who travelled from Auckland by Northern Steamship vessel and were met by Walter with his rowing boat. It was while in this house that Rufus (1922), Robert (1924) and Peggy (1925) were born. In total, Gertrude and Walter had five children: Elizabeth (born at Waimiha), Rufus, Robert and Gladys (all born in Warkworth) and William (born in Te Kuiti). As children on a farm with no vehicle we had



*Figure 175: CHESSUM family outside the house (early 1930s?) (L to R) Robert, Peggy, Betty and Rufus CHESSUM. The back says simply "We snapped the children just going to school. Do you recognize them?" (HB0104)*

few outlets and had to make our own amusements and, apart from Sunday School, these outlets were swimming and playing in the Mahurangi River at the back of the farm or walking four miles to the beach at Sandspit.

In 1925, while holidaying with the FOUNTAINS Betty (aged about four) had suffered from diphtheria and after returning home had to learn to walk again, so that Gertrude had four pre-schoolers only one of whom was walking. In 1927 Walter erected the new house (away from the river and close to the Sandspit road) much of it using material from the old house, which was demolished.

At this time he used a bike to travel to work and also the family used a horse (Paddy) and gig. In 1929 the horse died and largely because of the Depression was not replaced. The gig was stored and until Walter purchased a Ford Model A in 1939 the family walked everywhere or were given lifts by neighbours.

In the original Warkworth home was a large kitchen table. Walter remarked, when he Gertrude, and Betty first sat at it, that it would take some time to fill it. In

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1930, he cut three feet from the end stating that the Depression made this a necessary economy.

The cement works closed in 1929 and until Walter got a permanent position when the lime works opened during the 1930s he depended on casual work, often fencing, and was never short of work. Despite this he went gradually into debt and it was not until well into the 1930s before the farm was debt free and he was able to completely finish the inside of the house. During these years we had regular weekend visits from Leslie and Josephine TATTERSFIELD and from Arthur and Gladys ASPLIN, whose musical evenings probably did much to foster Bill's love of music. Most of the children's holidays were spent with the FOUNTAINS in Auckland.

In 1929 Eric HUMBERSTONE (Gert's brother) stayed with the family for some time, working on local buildings, including the Bank of New Zealand.

In 1932 all of the family (except Walter) travelled to Te Kuiti (where William (Bill) was born) and the boys went to stay in Waimiha for about six weeks. Walter came down later and the family returned home together. Walter was unable to change the individual rail tickets to a family ticket and so travelled all the way from Te Kuiti to Kaipara Flats without a ticket—he just handed over Gertrude's and the childrens' tickets together.

Early in the 1934-35 summer Doll ASPLIN stayed for several weeks, forming a friendship with Arnold LANGRIDGE—a local. Later the whole Asplin family stayed for two weeks, during which the three Langridge boys and Effie, Doll and Nancy ASPLIN spent most of the evenings at dances etc. and the three families picnicked together. Doll shortly after this married Roy ELLERY but the friendship with the Langridge family remained and in the late-1940s Peggy married Roger—the youngest of the Langridge boys.

Rufus and Lily HUMBERSTONE moved to Warkworth in 1939, Rufus working for the Power Board at this time, Dick HARRIS, husband of Nance also worked for the Power Board at this time, living on the farm and sleeping in a tent. In 1938 Rufus CHESSUM left school

to work for Rodney Motors, continuing with them until he retired 50 years later. Bob also started work at a local shop shortly afterwards.

Dad finally bought a Model A just after the outbreak of Word War II in 1939. During the war years the family began to move out. Walter finally retired, sold the farm and settled at Hexham Street in 1955. He had wanted a larger section to garden but Roger LANGRIDGE persuaded him to buy a small one and he provided a small area on his farm where Walter gardened for many years. He still maintained his garden at the house, harvesting his last crop of potatoes at the age of 99.

Elizabeth ("Betty") stayed home after leaving school, she married Norris WYATT in 1942 but continued living at home until Norris returned to New Zealand in 1945 (he served in both the army and later the navy). When he returned Betty moved with him to the Wyatt farm at Leigh (near Warkworth) and lived there until her death in 2008.

Alfred Rufus CHESSUM left school at 15 to work at Rodney Motors, subsequently qualifying as an accountant and continuing there, apart from a break for military service. He was called up in 1941 but eventually was discharged as unfit and returned to work. He retired at 65.

Robert ("Bob") left school at 13 to work for Beehive Stores and went into the army in 1942, he transferred to the air force. After training in Canada he was commissioned as a pilot officer but this was too late to get active service before the Second World War ended. He returned in 1945, worked in Dargaville and Auckland (Crown Lynn potteries) and finally came back to Warkworth in 1952 after having enlisted for service in Korea.

Bob served as a captain in K-force from 1950-52, was wounded in action and being Mentioned in Despatches was awarded an MID. He became a school teacher in 1955 and retired in Matamata in 1988 after teaching at Matakana, Warkworth, Wellsford, Kaingaroa Forest and Ngarua schools. Robert's wife Beverle y worked as a teacher's aid and office assistant at his last three schools.



Gladys ("Peggy") worked in the telephone exchange at Warkworth Post Office until her marriage to Roger LANGRIDGE in the late-1940s. They lived on their farm in Warkworth.

William ("Bill") trained at Ardmore before a teaching career in secondary schools as a music master and

completed his Bachelor of Music (MusB) at Wesley and De La Salle Colleges (part time). Although he suffered a stroke in 2005 he has continued some of his music activities, including regularly playing the organ each Sunday.



*Figure 176: CHESSUM photo at the funeral of Auntie Doris (1958?) (L to R) Elra BRACKENRIDGE (d. 2000), Rufus CHESSUM (1922-2002), Bob CHESSUM (b. 1924), Bill CHESSUM (b. 1932), Norris WYATT (b. 1943), Betty CHESSUM (1921-2008), Roger LANGRIDGE (d. 1985), Peggy (b. 1929), Walter CHESSUM (1890-1989), Gert CHESSUM (1891-1984), front Mick and Pat. (HB0105)*

## 5.5 GERTRUDE HUMBERSTONE

In his later years, Walter became a keen bowler, though he always remained a 'lead' (rather than a 'skip' or a 'three'). His wooden bowls were the last in use at the club and they frequently encroached into the adjacent heads. He was the club patron for many years and one of his bowls was retained as a showpiece in the club rooms.

In her late 90s Gertrude's health deteriorated, but she was reluctant to make use of a wheelchair to get about. She spent her last years at Winstone Home, where she passed away at 92. Walter remained in his home, checked daily by his grand-daughter, Wendy, who lived nearby. He had planned a holiday with Bob and Beverly at Matamata, had packed his bag, but suffered a heart attack the night before his planned departure. He was in his 100th year.

(Written in Matamata, October 5th, 2013)



Figure 177: (L to R) Betty CHESSUM (1921-2008), Walter CHESSUM (1890-1989) and Gert (1891-1984) in front of their house in Hexham Street, Warkworth. (HBO106)



Figure 178: CHESSUM family at the beach in January 1969, (L to R) (standing) Bill, Bob, Betty, Rufus, Peggy, (seated) Gert and Walter CHESSUM. (HBO107)



*Figure 179: Above: Gertrude CHESSUM (née HUMBERSTONE) (1891-1984) with husband Walter CHESSUM (1890-1989). (HB0222)*



*Figure 180: Left: Walter CHESSUM and Gert at Bob and Bev CHESSUM's wedding (4 January 1958). (HB0112)*



# 5.5.1 ELIZABETH (“BETTY”) CHESSUM

(b. 2 JUNE 1921 - d. 2 JUNE 2008)  
m. Norris Alfred WYATT (b. 9 Feb 1921)

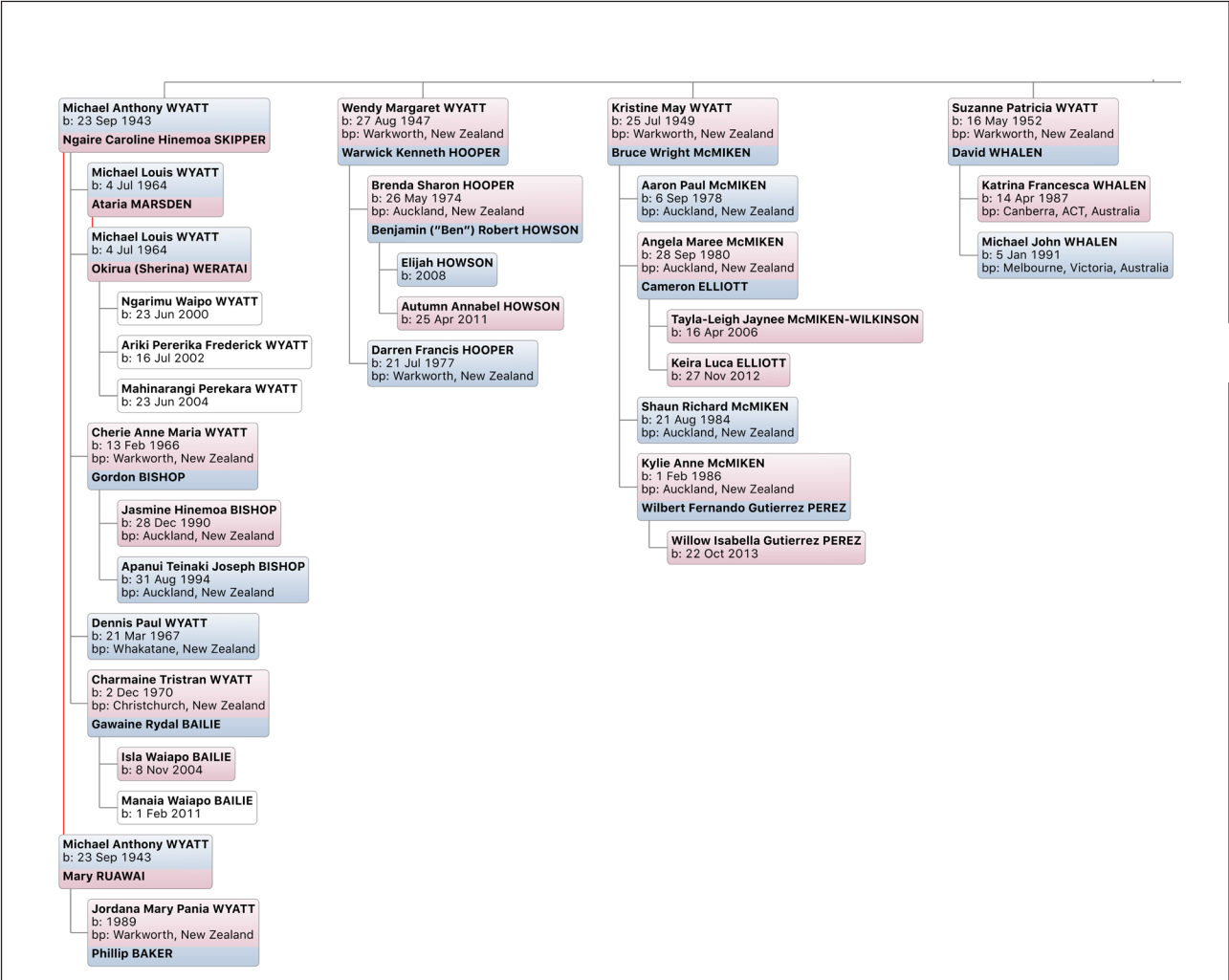
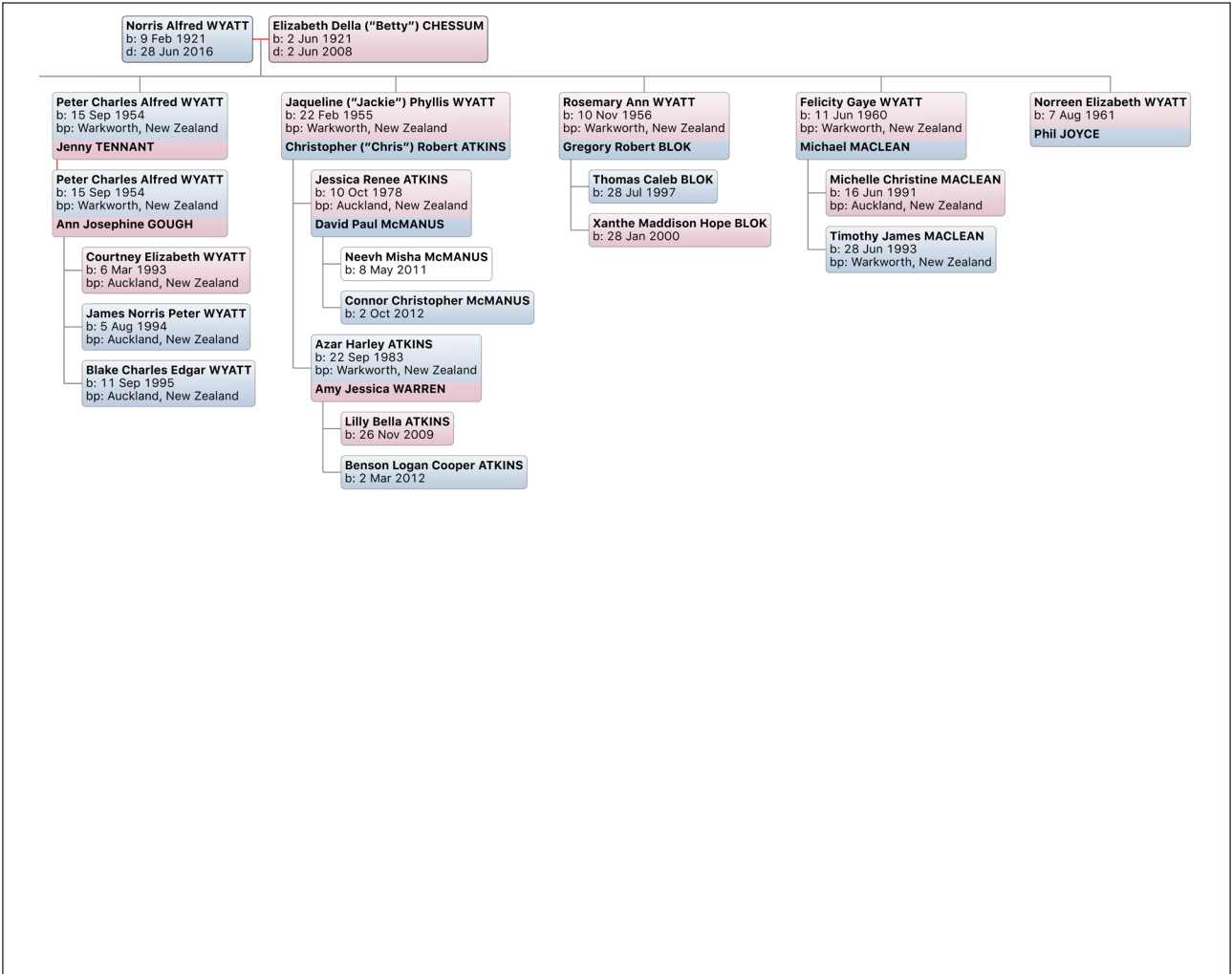


Figure 181: Overview of the descendants of Norris WYATT and Betty CHESSUM.

- 5.5.1.1 Michael Anthony WYATT (b. 23 September 1943)
- 5.5.1.2 Wendy Margaret WYATT (b. 27 August 1947)
- 5.5.1.3 Kristine May WYATT (b. 25 July 1949)
- 5.5.1.4 Suzanne Patricia WYATT (b. 16 May 1952)
- 5.5.1.5 Peter Charles Alfred WYATT (b. 15 September 1954)
- 5.5.1.6 Jaqueline (“Jackie”) Phyllis WYATT (b. 22 February 1955)
- 5.5.1.7 Rosemary (“Rosie”) Ann WYATT (b. 10 November 1956)
- 5.5.1.8 Felicity Gay WYATT (b. 11 June 1960)
- 5.5.1.9 Noreen Elizabeth WYATT (b. 7 August 1961)



# 5.5.1.1 MICHAEL ANTHONY WYATT

(b. 23 SEPTEMBER 1943)  
m. Ngaire Caroline Hinemoa SKIPPER

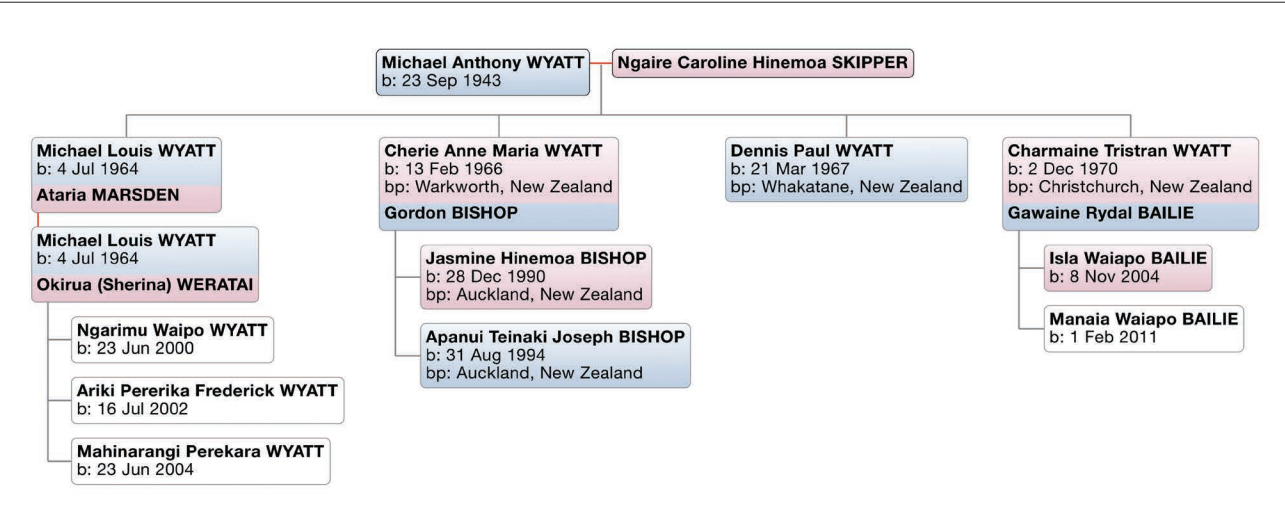


Figure 182: Descendants of Michael Anthony WYATT (b. 1943) and Ngaire Caroline Hinemoa SKIPPER.

m. Mary RUAWAI

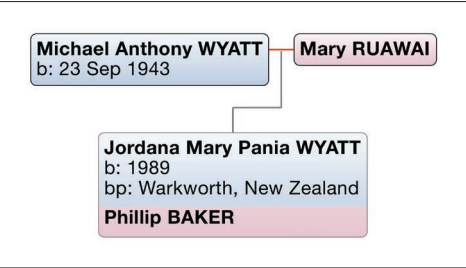


Figure 183: Descendants of Michael Anthony WYATT (b. 1943) m. Mary RUAWAI.



## 5.5.1.2 WENDY MARGARET WYATT

(b. 27 AUGUST 1947)  
m Warwick Kenneth HOOPER

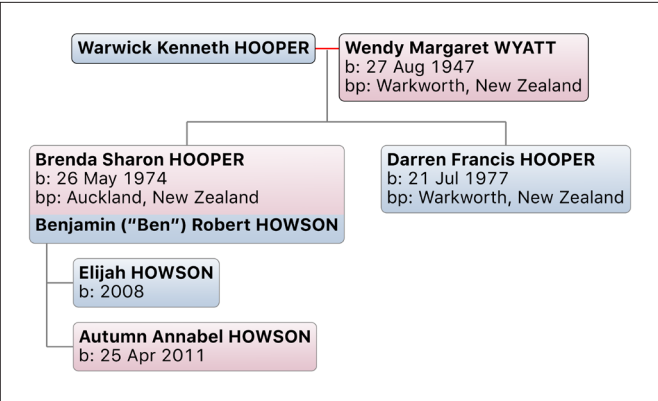


Figure 184: Descendants of Wendy Margaret WYATT (b. 1947) and Warwick Kenneth HOOPER.

## 5.5.1.3 KRISTINE MAY WYATT

(b. 25 SEPTEMBER 1949)  
m. Bruce Wright McMIKEN

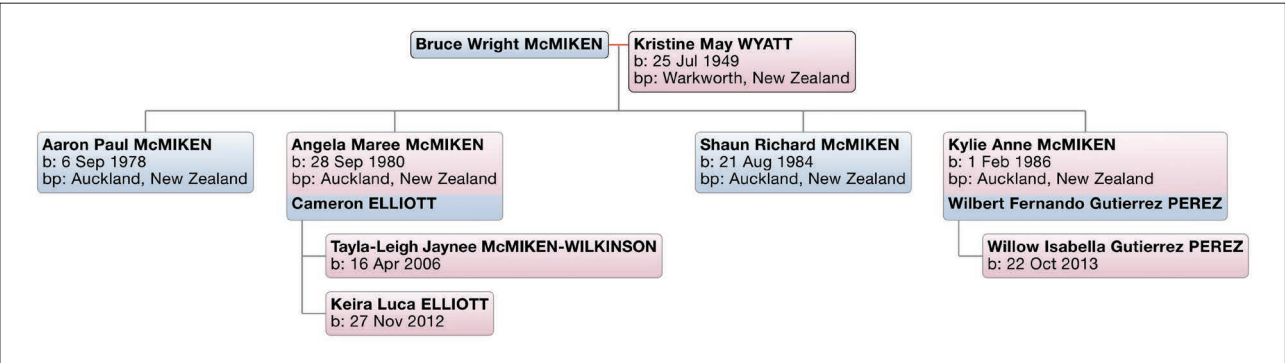


Figure 185: Descendants Kristine May WYATT (b. 1949) and Bruce Wright McMIKEN.

# 5.5.1.4 SUZANNE PATRICIA WYATT

(b. 16 MAY 1952)

m. David WHALEN

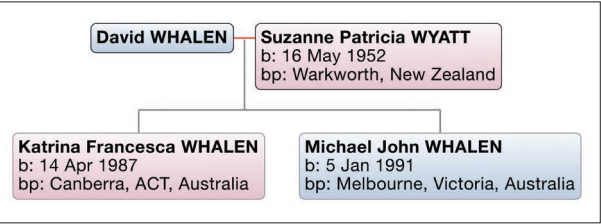


Figure 186:  
Descendants of  
Suzanne Patricia  
WYATT (b. 1952) and  
David WHALEN.

# 5.5.1.5 PETER CHARLES ALFRED WYATT

(b. 15 SEPTEMBER 1954)

m. Jenny TENNANT

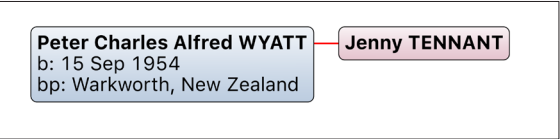


Figure 187: Marriage of  
Peter Charles Alfred  
WYATT (b. 1954) and  
Jenny TENNANT.

m. Ann Josephine GOUGH

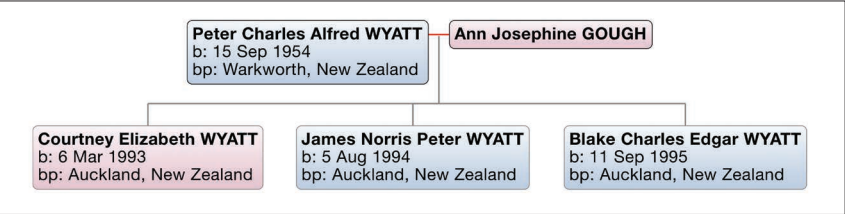


Figure 188:  
Descendants of Peter  
Charles Alfred WYATT  
(b. 1954) and Ann  
Josephine GOUGH.

# 5.5.1.6 JAQUELINE (“JACKIE”) PHYLLIS WYATT

(b. 22 FEBRUARY 1955)  
m. Christopher (“Chris”) Robert ATKINS

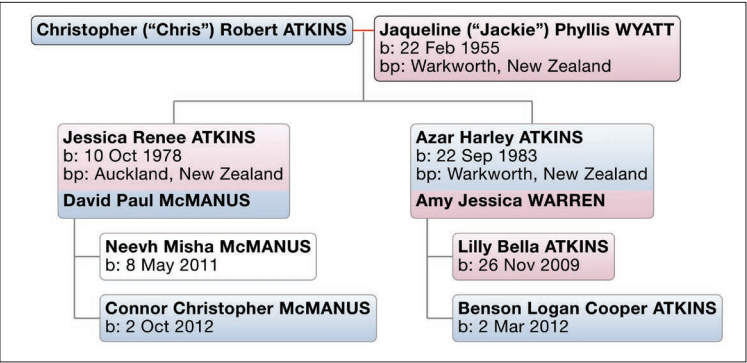


Figure 189:  
Descendants of  
Jaqueline (“Jackie”) Phyllis WYATT (b. 1955) and Christopher (“Chris”) Robert

# 5.5.1.7 ROSEMARY (“ROSIE”) ANN WYATT

(b. 10 NOVEMBER 1956)  
m. Gregory Robert BLOK

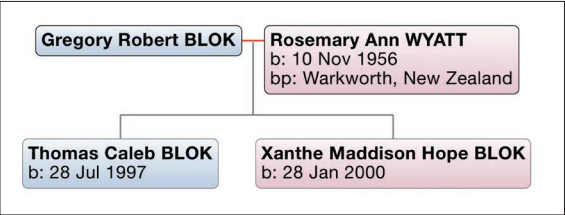


Figure 190:  
Descendants of  
Rosemary (“Rosie”) Ann WYATT (b. 1956) and Gregory Robert BLOK.



# 5.5.1.8 FELICITY GAYE WYATT

(b. 11 JUNE 1960)

m. Michael MACLEAN

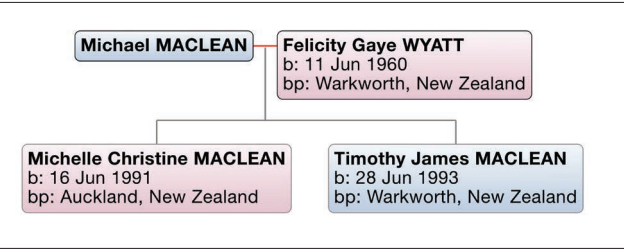


Figure 191: Descendants of Felicity Gaye WYATT (b. 1960) and Michael MACLEAN.

# 5.5.1.9 NOREEN ELIZABETH WYATT

(b. 7 AUGUST 1961)

m. Phil JOYCE

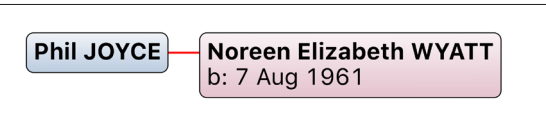


Figure 192: Noreen Elizabeth WYATT (b. 7 August 1961) married Phil JOYCE.

## 5.5.2 ALFRED RUFUS CHESSUM

(b. 5 NOVEMBER 1922 - d. 13 OCTOBER 2002)

m. Elra Leslie BRACKENRIDGE (1924-2000)

Rufus is listed in the 1949, 1954 electoral rolls as a 'clerk' in Warkworth. In 1957 he is an accountant living in Pulham Road, Warkworth. In 1963 this is 'company secretary' and his address is 8 Palmer Street. In 1969, 1972 and 1981 he is a 'secretary' or 'company secretary' with the same address.

5.5.2.1 Bryce Sydney CHESSUM (b. 12 July 1958)

5.5.2.2 Cynthia Leslie CHESSUM (b. 16 February 1961)

5.5.2.3 Peter Timothy CHESSUM (b. 3 September 1961)

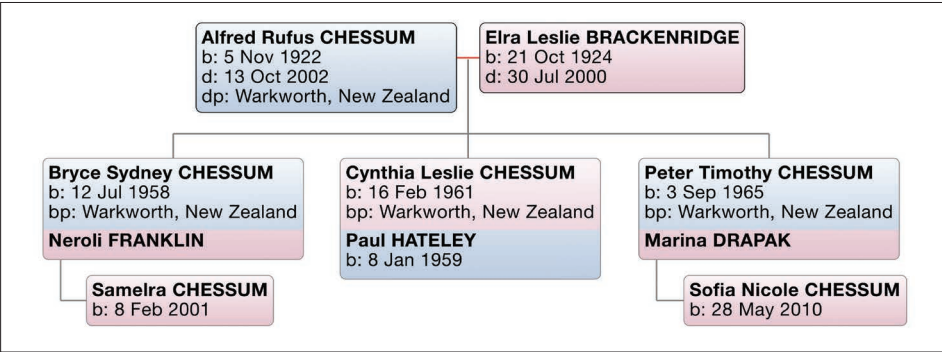


Figure 193: Descendants of Alfred Rufus CHESSUM (1922-13 October 2002) and Elra Leslie BRACKENRIDGE (1924-2000).

## 5.5.3 ROBERT STANLEY CHESSUM

(b. 27 MAY 1924)

m. Kathleen Mary SEGEDIN (1923-2005)

5.5.3.1 Patrick Alan CHESSUM (b. 26 August 1945)

5.5.3.2 Michael Joseph CHESSUM (b. 6 July 1947)



*Figure 194: CHESSUM family at Rosemary's wedding (17 December 1994): (L to R) Elizabeth Della, Alfred Rufus, Robert Stanley, Gladys Margaret, William Alan. (HB0113)*

The 1963, 1969 electoral rolls gives Robert's address as Matakana Road, Warkworth and his occupation was teacher. In 1972, 1978 Robert moved to 24 Bellevue Avenue, Wellsford and is listed as a "school teacher." He is not listed in the 1981 roll at this address, but his son Graeme Bruce is.



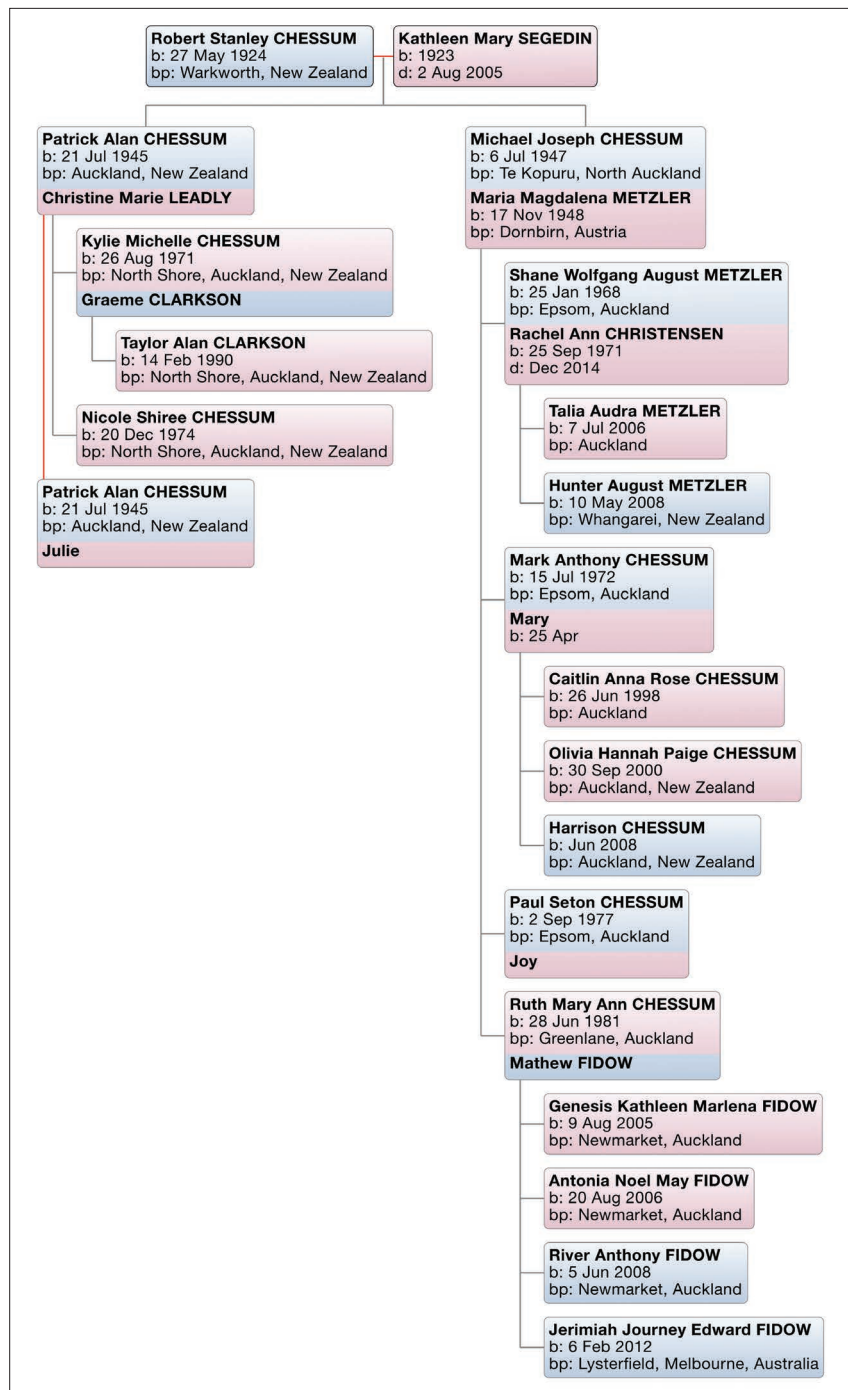


Figure 195: Descendants of Robert Stanley CHESSUM (b. 1924) and Kathleen Mary SEGEDIN (1923-2005).

m. Beverley Ann GREENWOOD (1937)

5.5.3.3 Graeme Bruce CHESSUM (b. 24 November 1959)

5.5.3.4 Alison Barbara CHESSUM (b. 15 September 1961)

5.5.3.5 David John CHESSUM (b. 25 April 1965)

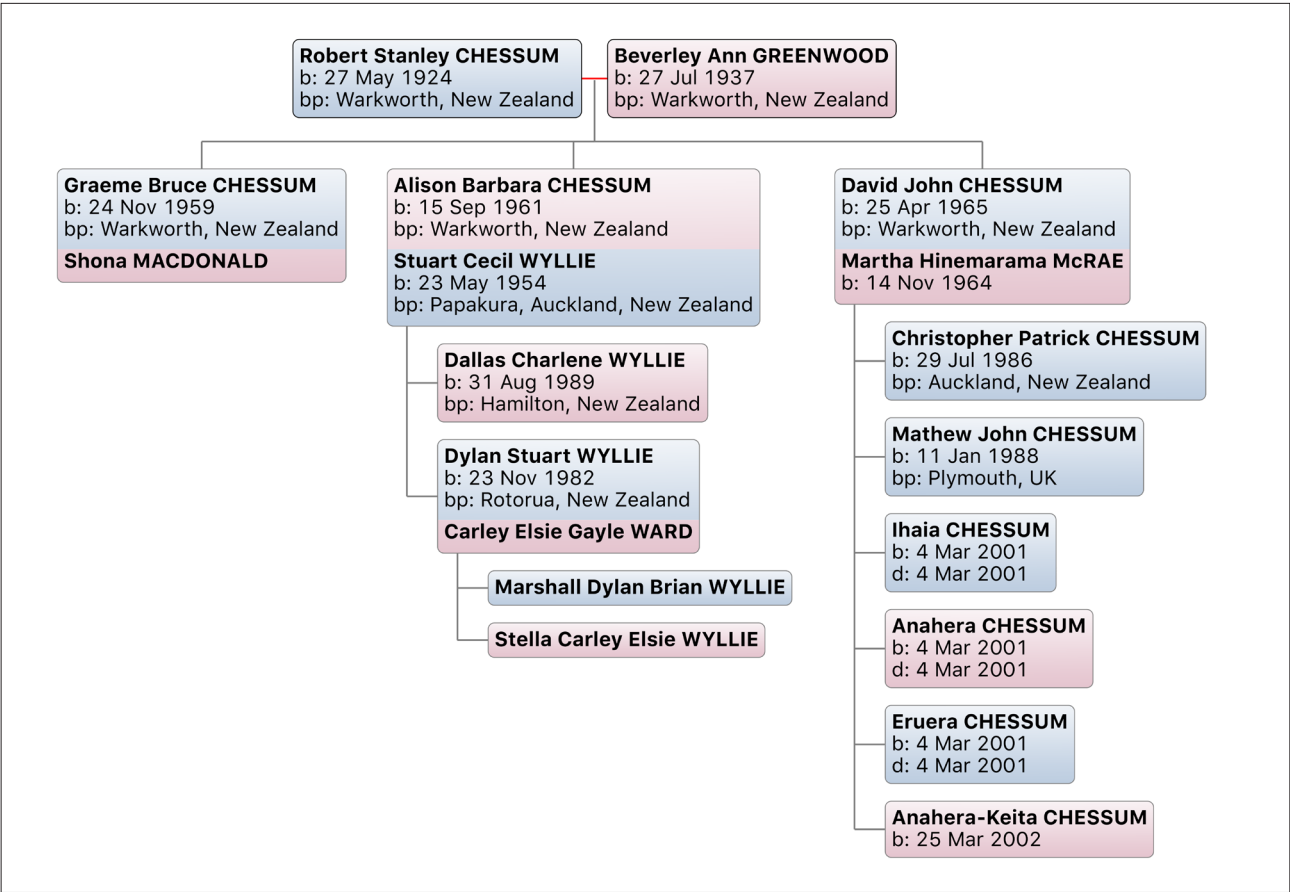


Figure 196: Descendants of Robert Stanley CHESSUM (b. 1924) and Beverley Ann GREENWOOD (b. 1937).

# 5.5.4 GLADYS MARGARET (“PEGGY”) CHESSUM

(b. 20 JULY 1925)

m. Robert Elbert LANGRIDGE (1915-1982)

5.5.4.1 Beverley LANGRIDGE (b. 3 December 1949)

5.5.4.2 Barbara Yvonne LANGRIDGE (b. 11 March 1952)

5.5.4.3 Dianne Lillian LANGRIDGE (b. 11 June 1958)

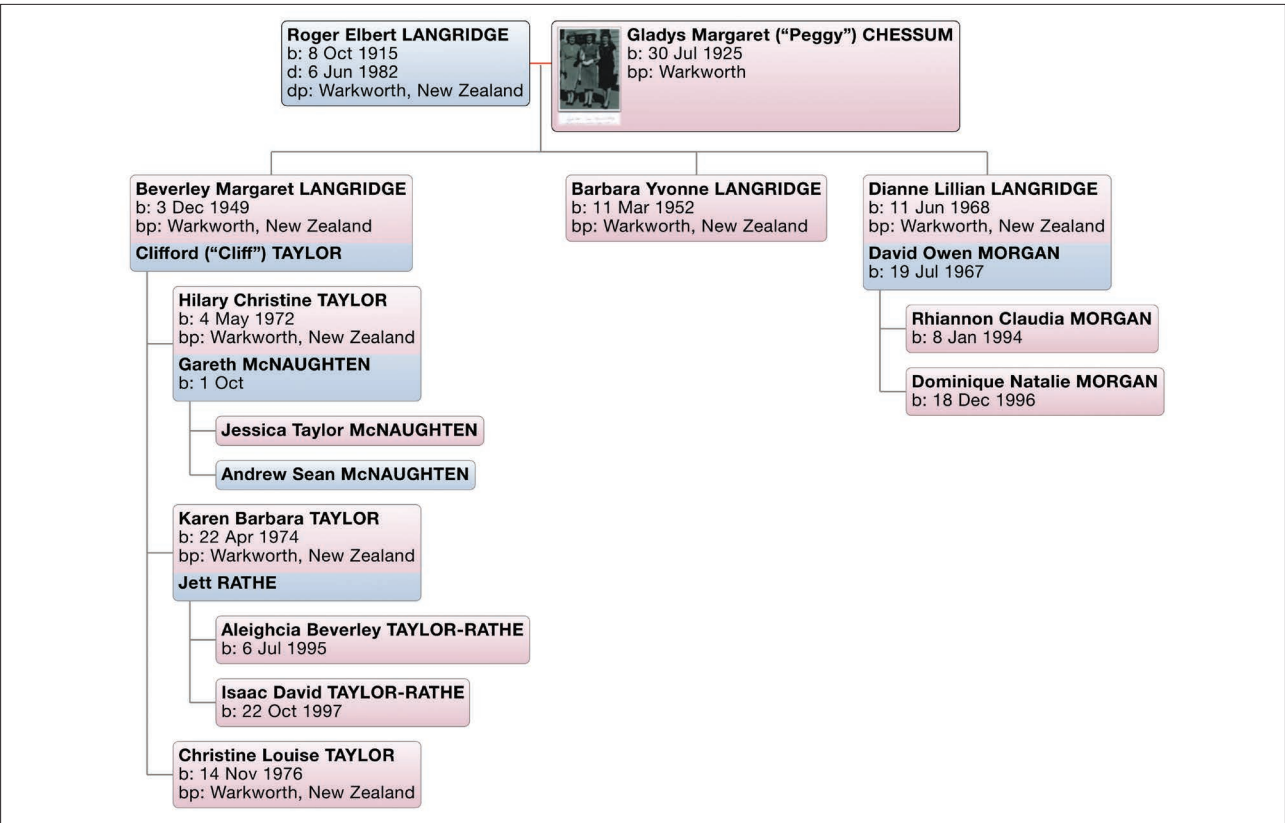


Figure 197: Descendants Gladys Margaret (“Peggy”) CHESSUM (b. 1929) and Robert Elbert LANGRIDGE (1915-1982).



m. Noel POWLEY (d. 4 January 1994)

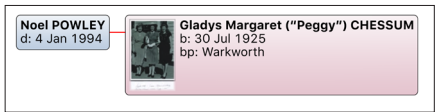


Figure 198: Marriage of Gladys Margaret ("Peggy") CHESSUM (b. 1929 to Noel POWLEY (d. 1994)

5.5.5 WILLIAM ALAN CHESSUM

(b. 25 FEBRUARY 1932)

m. Annette Helen SILVESTER (b. 8 April 1943)

5.5.5.1 Helen Lyn CHESSUM (b. 5 January 1966)

5.5.5.2 Andrew John CHESSUM (b. 24 June 1967)

5.5.5.3 Mark Stephen CHESSUM (b. 6 May 1969)

5.5.5.4 Ruth Margaret CHESSUM (b. 24 December 1972)

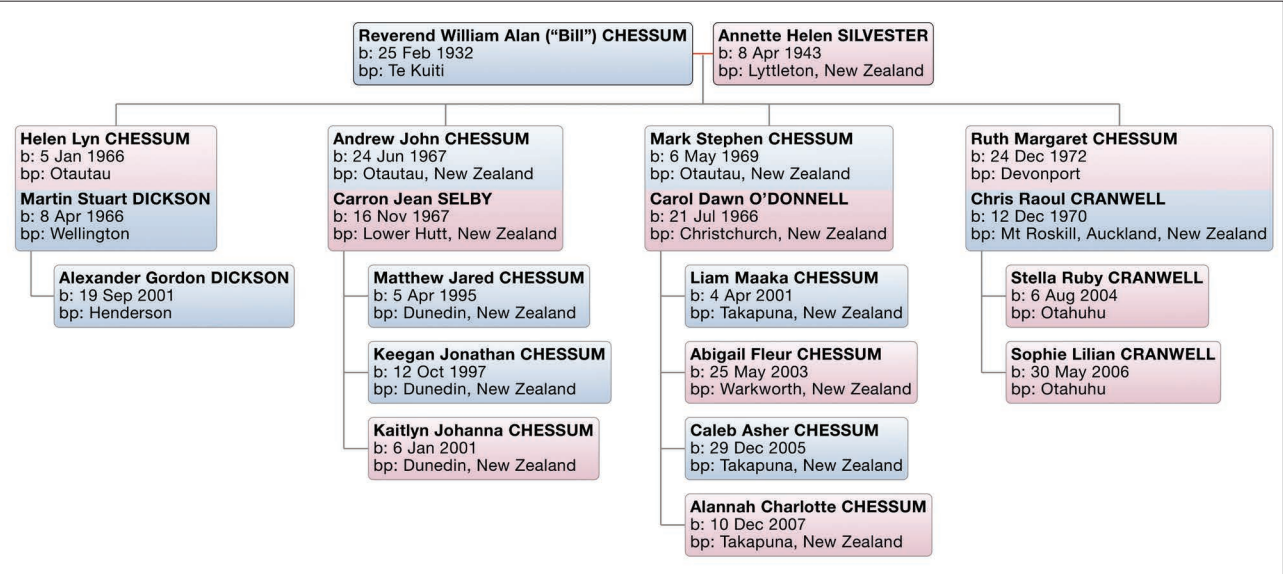


Figure 199: Descendants of William Alan CHESSUM (b. 1932) and Annette Helen SILVESTER (b. 1943).

## 5.6 GLADYS HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1893 - d. 1983)

Gladys HUMBERSTONE was born on the 25th August 1893 in Sutterton (a village 10 kilometres south-west of Boston) Lincolnshire where her father was a baker and miller.

Gladys was a quick student and studied in Sleaford at a Miss Enid -----'s school for girls and was then able to put "AA" after her name "Associated Arts." She had qualified as a teacher in England before arriving in New Zealand ahead of the family.

A red head and very detail focused, Gladys travelled to New Zealand on the *Ionic* (Shaw Savill Line) having left London on 4th December 1913, bound for Wellington, she had came out to join older (married) sister Ethel (who had arrived in 1910) and was living at Piopio.



*Figure 200: Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983) by the photographers Paterson's (Hamilton) probably in April 1920, the same time as sister Gert's wedding to Walter CHESSUM. (HB0116)*

## 5.6 GLADYS HUMBERSTONE



Figure 201 Left: Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983) early portrait from Lincolnshire, England. (HB0121)



Figure 202 Right: Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983), date unknown but probably taken in England (i.e. before 1914). (HB0118)



Figure 203 Left: Gladys before 1913, detail from a photo with her sisters in Old Leake. (HB0196)

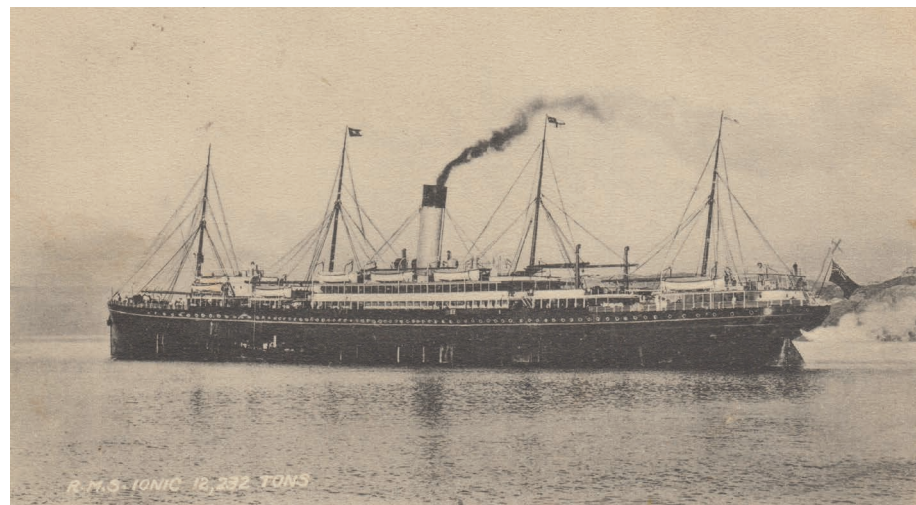


Figure 204 Above: (Royal Mail Ship) Ionic (postcard from around 1908). (HB0272)



Name Ship <u>Ionie</u>		Date of Departure <u>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> 1913		P.M. 21.														
Steamship Line—SHAW SAVILL & ALBION Co., Ltd.		Where bound <u>New Zealand</u>																
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF <b>BRITISH</b> PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF <u>London</u>																		
(1) Contract Ticket Number	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd)	(4) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land	(5) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers  In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS Except for First Class Passengers state the age last birthday								(7) Country of last Permanent Residence †					(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence †
					Adults of 12 years and upwards				Children between 1 and 12									
					Accompanied by husband or wife	Not Accompanied by husband or wife	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	British Possessions Foreign Countries	
A3908	Jonathan Simpson	3	Wellington	Farming			19	22					1					New Zealand
A3909	Johanna Kabanagh			Domestic				18								1		
A3911	Alice do							30								1		
A3912	Bridget Skeridan							22								1		
A3913	Annie Sullivan							24								1		
A3914	Agnes Alexander							25					1					
A3915	Annie Burns															1		
A3916	Thos. Cleary			Farming			20									1		
A3917	Marj. Lawrence			Domestic				18					1					
A3918	Emily do							16					1					
A3919	Thos. Simpson			Farming			17	24					1					
A3920	Wm. L. Holden			Housewife					5				1					
A3921	Florence do			Child														
A3922	Henrietta Sam			Farming			21	24								1		
A3923	Johanna Murphy			Domestic				24								1		
A3924	Jos. Sam			Farming			24						1					
A3925	Edg. Harris			Domestic				30					1					
A3926	Sam. Horton			Farming			26						1					
A3927	Wm. do			Wife			27						1					
A3928	Wm. Fleming			Farming				18								1		
A3929	Jos. Russell			Labourer				37					1					
A3930	Pat. Cusker			Domestic				16					1					
A3931	Jos. Jackson			Shepherd			25						1					
A3932	Wm. do			Wife			27						1					
A3933	Wm. do			Child					4				1					
A3934	Jos. do								2				1					
A3935	Wallace Holmes			Railman			35						1					
A3936	Wm. do			Wife				30					1					
A3937	Gladys Humbstone	*		Domestic				20					1					
A3938	Agnes W. Jeger			Housewife				26								1		
A3939	Edg. Goodrich							31					1					
A3940	Johanna W. Bean			Matron				31					1					
A3941	Wm. Graham			Housewife				31					1					
A3942	Fernand do			Child					1				1					
A3943	Jos. Graham			Miner			25						1					
A3944	Jos. do						23						1					
A3945	Jos. do						21						1					
A3946	Thos. Innocent			Farmer			21						1					
A3947	Wm. W. Donohue			Housewife					43				1					
A3948	Wm. W. Elchett								43				1					
A3949	Wm. do			Son			20						1					
A3950	Wm. do			Daughter				17					1					
A3951	Philip do			Scholar				10					1					
A3952	Wm. W. Clippendale			Housewife				29					1					
A3953	Sydney do			Child					2				1					
					3	3	12	21	4	2	-	-	85	3	4			BT 27/816

Figure 204B:  
Passenger list  
(boarding in  
London) of the  
"Ionie" for 4  
December 1913  
showing Gladys  
HUMBERSTONE (17  
lines up from the  
bottom of the page),  
aged 20, listed as a  
"domestic" bound  
for New Zealand.  
(HB0122)

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## 5.6 GLADYS HUMBERSTONE

In the 1914 and 1919 electoral rolls for Taumarunui Gladys is listed as living with her parents and sister Kate in Wairere (near Piopio) and her situation is listed as 'spinster.'

In May 1914 Gladys HUMBERSTONE became the first teacher at the Arapae School (near Waimiha outside Te Kuiti). She remained in this position until 1920. The school however was closed down in 1924 and the pupils transferred to Piopio. The following account of Arapae School has been published (1969):

*The building was not well appointed and was very cold in winter in spite of the open fire which consumed in the winter months a large quantity of tea tree which was available in the school grounds ... The first teacher at the school was Miss Gladys HUMBERSTONE, now Mrs MORGAN, who lives in Papatoetoe. She rode the nine miles each way from her home at Wairere on every school day for the six years she remained in charge of the school. In all weathers and through many floods she made the journey without a thought that it was in any way a hardship to live so far away from the school to which she gave very good service as a very young teacher. Although they did not have quite as far to ride as Miss HUMBERSTONE, most of the children came on horseback or on foot to attend school. At times there were nearly as many horses as pupils at the school.<sup>1</sup>*

In 1914 Gladys was paid £108 plus a £15 housing allowance per annum (because accommodation was not provided for her) and had to cope with around 17 pupils at the Arapae school.<sup>2</sup> In 1915 her salary increased to £117 with a housing allowance of £20.<sup>3</sup> 1917 and 1918 saw her paid £135 and £20 housing allowance.<sup>4</sup> 1919 £170 and £20 housing allowance.<sup>5</sup>

She does not appear in the reports for 1920 although she was teacher there that year. Much of her earnings apparently went to help support the newly arrived family on the farm.

Gladys passed the relevant New Zealand teaching exam in March 1922,<sup>6</sup> and married Arthur MORGAN in 1924. In the 1928 electoral roll for Waitomo they are both listed as living in Aria (Arthur is a farmer). They had one daughter Elizabeth (born 2 May 1928). In the 1935 and 1938 electoral rolls for Waitomo both Gladys and Arthur are living in Rora Street, Te Kuiti, with Arthur's occupation still given as 'farmer.' In the late 1930s-early 1940s Gladys ran a dairy in Te Kuiti (Sheridan Street opposite the movie theatre).

As described in Elizabeth MORGAN's account below, Arthur MORGAN died unexpectedly in Auckland in 1944: in 1946, 1948, 1954 Gladys is living in her house at 4 Rocklands Avenue, Mount Roskill ('widow'). In the early 1950s Gladys and her sister Biddy also owned and ran a cake and confectionary business in Mount Eden Road and Ponsonby (Auckland). She used to supply the tram drivers with billies of tea (they would leave the empty billy to be filled and pick it up when passing again). Bob CHESSUM also remembered they had sign boards out the front of the shop advertising movies down in Mount Eden and they used to get some free tickets for the shows.

In the electoral rolls for 1963 ('widow'), 1969 ("married" [sic]), 1972 ("retired") we see that Gladys had moved in with her sister Kate McDONALD and her husband Donald McDONALD at 91 East Tamaki Road, Papatoetoe.

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<sup>1</sup> Tegg, Brian (ed.), *Piopio schools 1909-1984*. (Piopio: Jubilee Committee) p. 68.

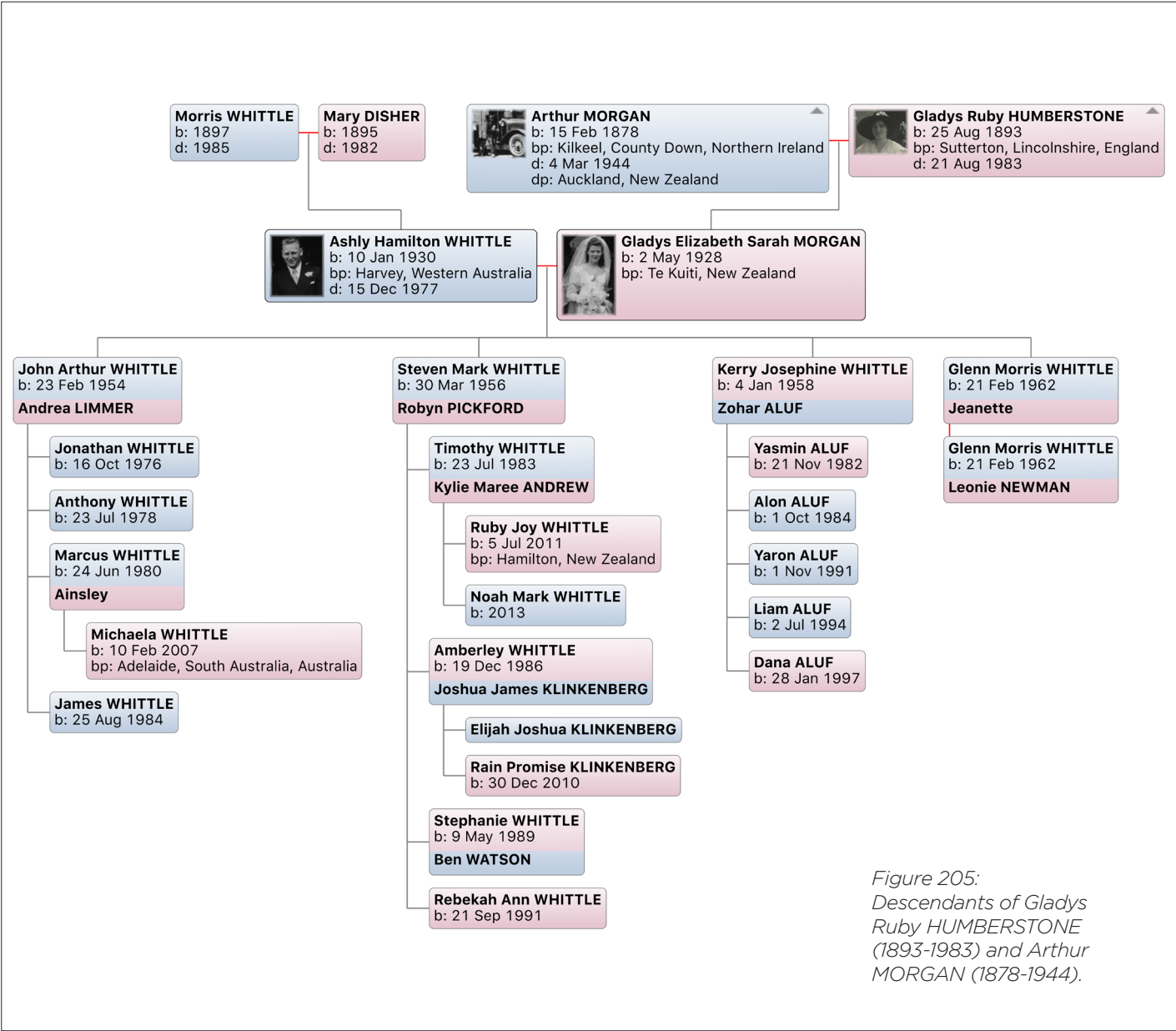
<sup>2</sup> *Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives*, 1915 session I, E-02 Education, Primary education (in continuation of E-2 1914), p. E-2, ii, List of public schools, their staff, etc.

<sup>3</sup> *Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives*, 1916 session etc.

<sup>4</sup> 1918 session.

<sup>5</sup> 1919 session.

<sup>6</sup> "Successful teachers," G.R. Humberstone passed the teaching exam (*New Zealand Herald*, Volume LIX, Issue 18030, 3 March 1922, Page 4).





## 5.6.1 ELIZABETH MORGAN

(b. 2 MAY 1928)

m. Ashly Hamilton WHITTLE (1930-1977)

5.6.1.1 John WHITTLE (b. 23 February 1954)

5.6.1.2 Steven WHITTLE (b. 30 March 1956)

5.6.1.3 Kerry Josephine WHITTLE (b. 4 January 1958)

5.6.1.4 Glenn WHITTLE (b. 21 February 1962)

### FAMILY STORY BY ELIZABETH MORGAN

Arthur MORGAN was born on the 15th February 1878, he died on March 4, 1944. My father was born in a little place called Kilkeel, County Down, Northern Ireland. His mother, Sarah (née Cunningham) died at his birth. He and his older sister, Margaret Mary, were brought up by his maternal grandmother. Apparently the family were well off and owned a small shipping fleet that travelled between the coasts of England and Ireland.

Arthur's father, John MORGAN, re-married and had a large family. My father was apprenticed to a lighthouse keeper, and learned how to make peg mats, among other things. He wasn't very happy in the job and finally decided to leave Ireland and travel to New Zealand, where one of his uncles (his mother's brother) was living and "doing very well." At this time he must have been about 15 or 16 and he ran away to seek his fortune in New Zealand, sailing on a ship called the *Gothic*.

When he arrived in New Zealand he couldn't locate his uncle. Nothing much is known about his journeyings on the way out here. I once found a prayer book of his with "Nova Scotia" written on it, but I don't know if he ever went there. He was attracted to and did some gold mining in the South Island, then worked his way north and settled on a

farm at Aria in the King Country, and that is where he met my mother.

Another of his uncles appeared on the scene much later. He lived in a little railway hut in Te Kuiti and I remember him coming to Sunday dinner at our house in Te Kuiti, I called him "Uncle Matt." He was a tall lean man with a pointed silver beard. He always wore a shabby black suit on Sundays. He was the only relative of my father that I ever met. Uncle Matt died about 1942, after we left Te Kuiti. Dad went down from Auckland for the funeral. I have a walking stick that belonged to Uncle Matt Cunningham.

My father was 46 when he and Mum (aged 31) got married in Auckland at the Registry Office on 6th November, 1924.

When I was small, my father got a letter from lawyers in Ireland saying that there was a legacy for him. He told Mum to write back and say "he wanted no part of their money!" He was very bitter about his family, and that was the last communication there was between them.

My father was a tall man, about six feet tall and in earlier years a big strong fellow. In my memory, I always see him with dark hair just touched with grey—always cut short, quite fair complexion and very blue eyes. He was well-liked by his fellow man, he liked to have a beer with friends, but his health was

always a problem. Mining, which he loved, was to be the death of him. He died at 63 of miners' disease (a respiratory complaint). The doctors often tested him for tuberculosis, which has very similar symptoms. I don't think I ever knew him as a well man.

He was very proud to have a daughter, although I think in his heart he really wanted a son! He used to tell me all sorts of stories about the 'little people' in Ireland. He said they used to help him when he was in any sort of trouble and I believed every word he said. He also said that "the grass is greener in Ireland than anywhere else in the world!" I used to ask him when we were driving along past farms and country roads, "Was it greener than this, Daddy?" He always replied "Oh yes, there's nothing to touch it here." I think it is true that the Irish never lose their love of their home country.

Gladys Ruby Humberstone was born August 25, 1893, she died on August 21, 1983. My mother was the sixth child of her parents, Elizabeth Ann (née NASH) and Alfred HUMBERSTONE, who was a miller and baker, living in Sutterton, Lincolnshire, England when she was born. She was one of an eventual thirteen children, seven girls and six boys! My grandmother (Elizabeth Ann) also had two other babies which did not live. Mum was closest in age to sister Gert (Gertrude) (b. 1891) and they had a special relationship that lasted all their lives. Gert, slightly older, was I think the only other child in the family born in Sutterton. The older ones were born in Heckington, as were grandma and grandpa, and the younger ones were all born in Old Leake.

Mum was a clever child, tiny and a very poor eater. They tried everything to get her to eat meat, but she never could digest it, so finally they accepted the fact that they had a vegetarian daughter! She had a thick mane of auburn hair, and her brothers used to tease her saying, "What made the donkey kick?" "Carrots!"

During her early school years in Lincolnshire, she won the annual Five Pound Prize (awarded to an outstanding pupil) on two occasions. She never forgot her teacher in those days, Mr Edward Little [his reference for Gladys' older sister Kate is reproduced above (see Figure 149. p. 129)]. She admired him so much! (I still have the prize certificates). She then



*Figure 206: Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983) early (but blurred) photo from Lincolnshire, England. (HB0123)*

won a scholarship to an elite boarding school in Boston (Ingelow House), which she attended for two very lonely years. Scholarship pupils were not kindly received by fellow students, they were not, in fact, socially acceptable. She was used to the loving care of a very supportive and closeknit family. By the time she finished at Ingelow House she held a teacher's diploma and an Associated Arts (Oxford) Certificate. (I also still have this certificate).

Also about this time, one of her older sisters, Kate (b. 1890), affectionately known as "Kit" had also qualified as a teacher, and she did quite a lot of teaching in

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England. Kit was delicate and actually developed tuberculosis for a while, but with great care, lots of rest and good food, she recovered.

In the meantime, Mum's oldest brother, Fawn (Alfred) had married Annie, and was settled quite near to where they all lived in Old Leake. Fawn's oldest child, Edith (Edie) was born in 1908 before grandma's youngest child, Josephine (also born in 1908), therefore the niece was older than the aunt! The house at Old Leake where they lived is still there and lived in, and I took photographs of it in 1980.

Ethel (b. 1886), Mum's oldest sister, had married Walter ASPLIN and gone to New Zealand. Biddy (b. 1888), the next oldest had married a local man, Walter FOUNTAIN (a boot repairer by trade) and they had two children, Maurice and Phyllis, both born in England.

Out in New Zealand, Ethel and husband Walter, had settled in a tiny community, south of Te Kuiti, called Piopio. Walter was the blacksmith, and there was plenty of work always at that time, so he soon had a flourishing business. Their first child was born there, and she was called Effie, later children were Jack, Doll,

Jim and Nan. Ethel missed her large family back home in England, and would write glowing letters back about the wages especially for teachers, that could be earned in New Zealand. This caused my mother to make the biggest decision of her life. She decided to sail to New Zealand and start a new life over there. It was a momentous decision for her because she was a quiet and retiring girl, used to the support of a very large family.

She left England in 1913, when she was 20 years old, sailed on the *Ionie* to New Zealand. (The ship's bell from the *Ionie* is in the Auckland Memorial Museum). Ethel of course, was delighted and she was welcomed with open arms. A teaching position was found immediately, as there were numerous small schools around the area. Children and teachers alike, rode on horseback to school. A large paddock was always kept near the school where the horses could graze and be kept safely until it was hometime.

My mother rode nine miles to Arapae School and nine miles home again. She had to have three different horses because it was too much for one horse to do the trip five days in a row. She has told me that it



*Figure 207: Gladys HUMBERSTONE, photo taken by Paterson's (Hamilton) probably on 5 April 1920 at Gert HUMBERSTONE's wedding (L to R) Josephine HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956), Gladys HUMBERSTONE (1893-1983), and Doll ASPLIN (1915-1958). (HB0124)*



was nothing to have the horse up to its belly in mud in the winter. There were no roads to speak of. What conditions for a girl straight out from civilised England to face! At this time my mother also fell in love.

Walter ASPLIN, her brother-in-law, had a younger brother called Arthur (b. 1892), and they were soon going everywhere together. Piopio was a primitive little place, but there was no lack of social life. Dances every weekend, singsongs at home around the piano, everybody was invited to every function in the area. People always took food so that entertaining didn't put a lot of stress on the hostess. There were concerts and musical evenings. Arthur was an excellent pianist and in great demand. I remember Mum telling me about her first concert in the hall in Piopio. After the usual items, songs, dancing, etc. a group of Māoris got up on stage and did a *haka*. A very exciting and strenuous performance, and on this occasion they came dancing down the aisles, rolling their eyes, poking out their tongues and grimacing in a terrifying way! Mum said she was paralysed with fright! It was something she grew accustomed to as the Māoris love to perform, and apart from the *haka*, there are numerous other action songs and dances which are so good to listen to.

About this time, my grandfather, Alfred and his wife, Lizzie (Elizabeth) decided that they would bring the rest of their family out to New Zealand. Grandpa had other sons growing up now, and finding work for them in a country town in England was impossible. So he asked Walter ASPLIN, Ethel's husband to find a farm for him and he sent out the money for it. When he arrived, he found out that the farm was a Māori leasehold property and he was furious, feeling he had been sold down the river. However, they all set to and worked and made a living. Kit and Gladys sent almost all their earnings from teaching to Grandpa to keep the farm and family going.

When the large family contingent arrived in New Zealand in 1914, they landed in Auckland [?], took a train to Te Kuiti and travelled by horse and gigs out to Piopio. It was a terrible trip. The horses were floundering belly deep in mud and it was a struggle just to get to the farmhouse. When they arrived at the desolate spot that was to be their home, my grandfather wanted to turn around then and there and go back to Auckland. He paced the floor all night, cursing and swearing, but my grandmother refused to budge, and who could blame her? It had been a nightmare trip out with all those children, and no way



*Figure 208:  
Unknown family  
members. (HB0125)*

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was she going to get back in that gig. Can you imagine they brought out ten of their own children, one of whom was married, so her husband and two little children came too, so there was a party of fifteen souls to tend and cope with!

Mum's oldest brother Fawn (Alfred b. 1885) had stayed on in England. By now he had a family of four, Edie, Frank, Leslie and Ernie. When the first World War broke out a matter of months after grandpa and family had left, Fawn joined the British Army, and the next oldest son in the family, Rufus, joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and went to France to fight also.

About this time Mum became engaged to Arthur ASPLIN, who also was in the New Zealand Army and went to the Middle East. I think Arthur's playing the piano was a big part of his service overseas. He was used as an entertainment officer. He mainly played popular music at that time, and could play all the hits of the day. It wasn't until years later that he extended his repertoire and became interested in the classics.

For some reason, unknown to me, a mere daughter, the engagement was broken off and it was not until several years later that my mother again thought of marriage. Her teaching still continued, and she was appointed to a tiny school at Otamarakau in the Bay of Plenty, on the coast. She boarded with the Quarrie family and spent many happy years teaching at that little school. By this time her parents had moved to Auckland and brother Rufus had taken over the leased farm.

Rufus had met and later married a young widow, Lily FREEMAN (née BUTCHER) who had one little boy, Don. She had lost her husband and one little girl in the 'flu epidemic which spread all over the world after the 1914-18 war. Rufus managed the farm and grandpa Alfred opened a fish shop and restaurant in Karangahape Road, Auckland. Auntie Biddy and Uncle Walter FOUNTAIN had also been on the move. They had a fish shop in Te Kuiti for some years then moved to Hamilton where they operated a "Fish and grill" in Ward Street, opposite where the Winter Show building used to be. It was a great spot and they prospered. They later moved to Auckland and had many different businesses. Uncle Walter continued to operate as a boot repairer, but he also helped with the restaurant.



*Figure 209: HUMBERSTONE brothers in WWI posing at Giza, Egypt (around 1917 or so?). (HB0126)*

The years went by, and Mum had by this time met Arthur MORGAN, a farmer in Aria, and in 1924 they were married. He was a Catholic and she was Church of England, so they married at the Auckland Registry Office on November 6, 1924. Arthur continued to farm, plus he had a coal carrying contract with the Dairy Company at Piopio. He was mining coal from his property in Aria. While living on the farm, Mum lost a baby boy.

When the Dairy Company contract expired and they were paid up, Mum said they were better off than they had ever been! She paid all the bills, and couldn't believe there was so much money left over, so she checked and re-checked to see that everyone had been paid! I think, she always regretted leaving the farm at Aria. She always used to say "I married a farmer, not a miner." On the expiration of the Dairy Company contract, my parents moved into Te Kuiti and rented a house in Hospital Road, and there awaited my birth. I was born on 2nd May, 1928 (a Wednesday). My mother was 34 and my father 48 years old. My childhood was a happy one, my parents knew hard times, but I never went without. Mum had several young brothers and sisters, and they all made a fuss of me.



*Figure 210: Arthur MORGAN (1883-1944) with truck and dog. (HB0128)*

Auntie Nance (Hannah b. 1900) used to knit and sew for me. She had married by now, and Uncle Dick HARRIS, her husband, was always a favourite of mine. They never had any children of their own, so I suppose it was natural that they would give me so much attention. Auntie Nance once told me that when she planned to get married, none of the family approved of Uncle Dick. She told grandma Elizabeth Ann the date of the wedding and grandma said “Oh, I’ve planned to go shopping with Biddy that day.” She and Uncle Dick certainly had some stormy times, but I think they were meant for each other—they always came back together.

I can remember one Christmas, and I’m sure I was about four years old (so in about 1932), when my father, Uncle Dick, and I were walking down Te Kuiti main street—at the south end, somewhere near the

old Empress Theatre. They had both been drinking, and were full of “Christmas cheer” and they were teasing me, it finally got too much for me and I gave them a little push, which sent them both flying. I can still remember how they laughed as they picked themselves up.

When I was about three, Mum and Dad took me to my cousin Effie’s wedding to Frank DUNN. I think it must have been held in Hamilton because Auntie Ethel and Uncle Walter ASPLIN were living in Rukuhia by this time. They had spent some years living in Kopaki after leaving Piopio. I have no recollections of the wedding, but apparently someone asked me if I enjoyed it and I replied “It was all right I suppose, but I never got a cup of tea!”



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Over the years, in those early days, Auntie Ethel and Uncle Walter ASPLIN would come down from Rukuhia to Te Kuiti for the weekend and stay with us. They had a Model A Ford, which Auntie Ethel learned to drive (and she even did a mail run around Rukuhia), and then they got a Ford V8 (1936 I think) and it was, without doubt, the flashest car I had seen and had a ride in! It was royal blue and shiny and beautiful. When they stayed with us, I used to hop in bed with Auntie Ethel in the mornings and brush her lovely long hair. Right through the years, she always loved to have her hair brushed, and she was the only one of the sisters who didn't have her hair cut, ever. I had holidays with Auntie Ethel at Rukuhia and later at Papatoetoe where she moved about 1937.

Now my grandparents had moved back to Te Kuiti from Auckland. First they lived in Hospital Road, not far from us, then a place in Nettie Street, and finally in a lovely old house (the Churcher place) in 17 Seddon Street. I always saw a lot of them, and the Christmas before I was five years old [1932], they called me to their house, only a few doors down from ours in Hospital Road, and they gave me the most beautiful celluloid doll. The size of a real baby, she was dressed in a complete hand knitted layette, singlet, panties, petticoat, dress, jacket, bonnet, bootees. All knitted by my Auntie Biddy (now living in Auckland). The doll was my pride and joy, I called her Vera. She was tenderly looked after and survived to be loved once more by my own daughter, Kerry. Now Kerry has a little girl, Yasmin, and Vera is there waiting ...

It was time for me to go to school. I was five years old and ready for it. The public school had too big a roll and said that they would take only six-year-olds, so Mum went to the convent school to see if they would take her little five-year-old. They said yes, on condition that she did not take me away as soon as I became six. Mum said that if I was doing all right I could stay there as far as she was concerned, so that's how it came about that I went to a convent school instead of a public.

Every Monday I had to take one shilling and give it to the nuns and that was the only fee we had to pay. I did well at the school and grew to love the nuns. There was Sister Natalie in my first year, then Sister Cuthbert, Sister Madeleine, Sister Iona, and Sister Wilfred. Sister



*Figure 211: HUMBERSTONE house 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti. (HBO129)*

Damien was the housekeeper and used to call me down to the house to give me cups of boiled milk (ugh) because she thought I was a skinny little thing!

About this time Mum decided to have me taught dancing because she thought it would build me up. (I had a bout of bronchial pneumonia when I was about 2½ and it left its mark on me for a few years). Sister Cuthbert taught dancing, and so I started with my national dancing (Irish Jigs, Highland Dancing, Clog, etc). It must have been good for me because I have enjoyed exceptionally good health so far in my life.

I can remember grandma Elizabeth Ann and grandpa Alfred wanting to see me on one occasion. They were now living in Seddon Street and we lived in Rora Street (behind a shop on Te Kuiti's main street). I must have been about eight years old, maybe only seven. Mum suggested that I take my big doll, Vera, with me, and she said to give grandma and grandpa "her compliments." It was a new word for me, and I had to practice it all the way over to their house.

When I got there, they produced a beautiful doll's pram all trimmed with pink satin and bobble fringe! It was so gorgeous, and I walked back home so full of pride, I couldn't have felt better if it had been a real baby and pram!

My uncle Pell HUMBERSTONE (b. 1895) and auntie Mary (Uncle Pell was one of Mum's brothers) lived quite near to us and at that time they had two children, Eric (Bill) (b. 1934) and Marie (b. 1935). Shirley Ann and Raymond were born later. Bill was a beautiful child, blonde with delicate colouring Marie was blonde, but not angelic, anything but! They both swore like troopers.

When Bill was about four he scalded his leg, (he grabbed at some jam tarts his mother had just taken out of the oven, and the hot jam burnt him). I was once wheeling him out for a walk in the pram. He was laying back on the pillow looking like a small angel. A woman stopped and peered into the pram, saying "Is the little fellow sick?" Bill replied briskly before I could open my mouth, "None of your bloody business, you old bitch!" That was the first and last time I took him for a walk in the pram!

Marie was another kettle of fish. She was a gruff-voiced little battler and my mother just loved her. She was very bright and did well at school later on. She came and stayed with us when we lived in Balmoral, Auckland, and went to Fraser Tech from there. Auntie Mary was a great one for sewing, and once when I was in a play at the convent school, she made me a dress for the part of "Little Bo-Peep." I had the dress for years. Mum shortened it and it was my best dress for a long time.

Uncle Pell was a boot repairer and also made shoes. I can remember when he had his workshop in Rora Street in the front of our living accommodation. I used to watch him cut out the leather with all his strange shaped knives, hammer the tacks home, wax threads, and sew with two big hooked needles. He was so good at it, he made it look easy. Later he moved to a new block of shops near the State Theatre in Sheridan Street. After he gave up boot repairing he went to work at a timber mill out at Kopaki, and was badly hurt on a "goose saw," loosing a finger.

My Uncle Dick had two irish setters called Mick and Sheila. They were beautifully trained and he used them as gun dogs. When Sheila had pups, he give one to me, and I called him Paddy. I adored my dog, and took him for runs, brushed him and generally looked after him, but unfortunately when he was only about a year



*Figure 212: Elizabeth MORGAN (b. 1928) with dog. (HB0130)*

old he got loose one day and was hit by a car, so I learned at an early age the sadness of losing a loved companion. We always had a cat, and once we had one that produced four kittens. Mum let me keep all four. They were all beautiful. I still have a photo of them.

Our next door neighbours were the Haws, Lola Haw was training to be a commercial artist and was very good. When I was about nine, I got measles, then caught whooping cough and finished up with bronchitis, so it was a long illness and the only one I had during my school days. I was away from school for nine weeks. At this time, Mum had a small sweet shop at the other end of town, and she would get breakfast and then leave me until she came home at lunch time, then she'd go back to her shop again, home at teatime then back to the shop again until the picture crowds had been attended to. The shop was right across the road from the State Theatre.

Anyway, Lola from next door offered to give me lunch, so it made it a lot easier on Mum. Lola would tell me stories, fairy stories and all sorts. She was a gifted storyteller. When I had a birthday, there was a book tied to the back door knob. It was a fairy-tale book, and in it the inscription "To Elizabeth from the Good Fairies."

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We had a boarder at our place for a while. His name was Steve Erceg, and he was a taxi-driver. Then we got another boarder, and his name was Vic Lipanovich.

Around now my father's health was beginning to deteriorate. He had already had an operation in Waikato Hospital and was not expected to recover at that time, but lived to work very hard after that, I remember being at the hospital with Mum. They put me out in the waiting room while Mum went in and saw Dad. She came out crying and sat with me. A nurse said "He's gone!" (he had stopped breathing and his heart had stopped). Then another nurse came running out and she said he threw his arms back over his head, and the jerking movement started his heart beating again. He was meant to have a few more years with us.

He decided then that the time had come to make a change and he told my mother, "Ruby, another year in the King Country will kill me." So, arrangements were made for us to move up to Auckland. Mum sold her little business in Te Kuiti (the sweet shop) and went up to buy another in Auckland. She paid £250 for a shop in Mount Eden Road. We packed up and duly moved our possessions on to Auckland. At this time we sold our old International truck and just kept the little Triumph to take to Auckland.

It meant big changes for me, because I had always gone to the convent school and now had to enroll at an intermediate public school. I was going into Form II. We moved up to Auckland in 1940 (January). In my last year at Te Kuiti there were five pupils in Form I and when I started at Kowhai Intermediate there were forty-eight in the class. I also had to catch a tram to school and home. I had a lot to learn.

The first day at school I tried to catch the tram home from the wrong side of the road! The shame! My standard of education must have been pretty high, because I finished up in the second highest class, to my mother's delight.

One of the highlights of my young life was when Mum and Dad decided to let me have a holiday at Warkworth. I was about ten years old (this was before we moved to Auckland). My Auntie Gert and Uncle Walter CHESSUM, lived on a little farm. They had about



Figure 213: Elizabeth MORGAN (b. 1928) and who? (HB0131)

12 cows and some pigs and a beautiful orchard. They also had five children, which was an added attraction for me, an only child. The closest in age to me was Peggy, and she and I were the best of friends. The others were all a bit older, and Bill, the baby of the family, was about three years younger. Betty was oldest, Rufus next, then Bob, Peggy, and a gap of some years to Bill. I fitted very neatly into the gap between Peggy and Bill, so felt like one of the family.

We had bush walks, went swimming in the Warkworth dam, went to the beach, I tasted *pipis* for the first time, camped out for the first time, had musical evenings. Bill was a gifted musician even at that young age, and developed to much greater heights over the years and Auntie Gert and Uncle Walter had lots of musical friends who would come for an evening, of singing and fun.

They didn't own a car (these were hard times) and we always walked wherever we were going. We walked to



town to go to church. They were staunch Methodists and never missed a Sunday. When I stayed there, I went too, as part of the family.

The first time I went for a holiday I stayed for six weeks and cried when Mum and Dad took me home! Actually, there was a wedding in the family in Papatoetoe, Auntie Ethel's youngest daughter, Nan (b. 1917) was marrying Brownie (Arthur) Haughey, and Auntie Gert and Uncle Walter took me as far as Papatoetoe and Mum and Dad picked me up from there. That's how I got to go to Nan's wedding also! I think Mum was a bit aghast at my fickleness but it was my first real taste of family life, and I loved it.

The first time I went to Warkworth, they didn't have electric power, but used a kerosene lamp on the living room table, and we all took candles to our rooms. All water had to be carried from an outside water tank. Auntie used to do most of the cooking on her coal range. She baked her own bread (the loaves were round shaped and she used half and half wholemeal and white flour). The bread kept much longer than bought bread. There were always home-made jams, pickles, preserved fruit (peaches, nectarines, plums, apples from their own trees) and in season, all the fresh fruit you could eat! I even learned to hand milk a cow I remember that my favourite cow was Tui. Peggy learned at the same time as I did. Betty was already expert. The boys also milked, but by this time they had jobs in town to go to, so were not always around when this chore was done. I also remember that there was a big red cow called Nellie. She had been Rufus' calf club calf and she was a real problem, only Auntie Gert or Rufus could handle her!

On wet days we would get the painting books and paints out and do colouring-in and painting. I had never used paints before, so that was another first. Everything we did had a sort of magic to me, it was all so different from what I was used to. No wonder I was reluctant to go home!

It had always been my mother's wish that I learn to play the piano, and whenever a kind visitor gave me some pocket money to spend—usually threepence or sixpence, it always went into the big wooden cat-shaped money box on the mantelpiece, towards the piano. So, when we moved to Auckland, that was

one of the first things that my mother accomplished. She borrowed £50 from my Auntie Kit (who always seemed to be able to rise to the occasion if asked) and raked up another £45 herself, and behold, a piano was purchased!! With the piano (secondhand, reconditioned, upright grand) came one term's free tuition with Madam Anne Smith's Academy. This was 1940. My mother could play the piano, and had actually taught some of her younger brothers and sisters, so she started me off so that I wouldn't go to the new teacher completely ignorant.

From the beginning I enjoyed my lessons. I was also at school, and helped a little bit in the shop, so life was pretty busy. It was about this time that I started learning shorthand, typing and bookkeeping. I was also a keen reader and as the Grafton Public Library was just across the road, I was a constant visitor, and probably their best customer! I usually read about a book per day!

My father got a job with the Mt. Eden Borough Council, and for the first time in his life, brought home a regular pay packet. It was marvellous for Mum. The new business was not wonderful, it needed a lot of work before money was going to be made. She extended the business to a small tearoom, serving morning and afternoon teas, plus light meals. Gradually the business improved. We were in an area where there were several textile factories, so lunches were needed and this was a big part of the trade.

As time went by, Mum got my recently widowed Auntie Biddy in to help (Uncle Walter Fountain died in 1942), and another auntie, Auntie Doris. Auntie Doris was married to Mum's brother, Uncle Ernie (b. 1897). She was living in Auckland, but he was still down at Endean's Mill in the King Country, beyond Te Kuiti towards Waimiha. They had four daughters and the oldest one had been working up in Auckland for a few years boarding with a relative. This was June HUMBERSTONE, then there were twins, Doreen and Dawn, and Yvonne, and they were still at school.

My Auntie Doris rightly thought they should have a decent education and have a chance to get jobs. Where they were living there was no opportunity for work and the girls would probably have married very young, or else had to leave home for employment.

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Auntie wanted something better for them, so Uncle Ernie came up and they bought a house at no. 8 Haultain Street off Eden Terrace. He went back to work at the mill, and later (in the early 1950s) he and Uncle Eric went into partnership as Humberstone Brothers in a carrying business at Ohaupo.

My father's health was very poor, but he kept on working. There was an advertisement in the paper for tunnellers. They were going to tunnel under Albert Park to make air raid shelters. My father applied for the job and got it. It was a big job, but it was his thing. He loved the underground work, and had lots of experience, having run his own mine for years both at Aria on his farm and at Rangitoto, just out of Te Kuiti. We were at the shop in Mt. Eden Road for four years. My father was gradually getting more and more ill. I was not really aware of it, because he was not one to complain, nor did he lie in bed. He always went out to work if it was possible at all.

At school I had been told that I was to receive a scholarship—a year's free tuition at Druleigh Commercial College. I was only 13 when I won the award, and turned 14 during the year at the Commercial College. It was an intense experience and I was a few years younger than the rest of the students. It must have been a huge load off my parents' minds—my future was assured—my career was chosen. I was getting training that would ensure a useful working life. For myself, I enjoyed the work, I particularly liked shorthand and typing, and seemed to have an ability that I had not previously suspected.

My father and I used to go to the pictures every Saturday night. Mum of course, couldn't go, because the shop had to be kept open until about 10:30 PM. We always went to the State in Symonds Street, they always showed a double feature so we always got our money's worth! I also used to go to the movies a lot with both my cousins Rufus and Bob when they were on leave from the army. They were both stationed near Auckland and we loved to have them for their one night leaves. I suppose if they got a weekend leave they would go to Warkworth. Rufus even took me to a dance or two, wasn't I lucky!

The war was still going on while all this was happening. My Uncle Eric, who married Ethel HONE in 1939,

went overseas and was in the Middle East. I had several cousins in the services too. Nan's husband Brownie, was a prisoner of war in Germany. Leslie HUMBERSTONE was in the Middle East (one of Uncle Fawn's sons). Don FREEMAN was also over there, he was Uncle Rufus' step son. I forgot to mention that six months after I was born he and Auntie Lily had a son, Brian (b. 1928). Uncle Rufus was in the First World War, so was a bit old for the second one, but he was in uniform and served in the home forces.

When I finished my year at the Commercial College, I sat exams and was put into a full-time job. I stayed with Brown Barrett's Limited for two years. It was an office and factory (baking powder and tomato sauce their main products) in Carlton Gore Road Newmarket—all adults in the office, so rather a lonely atmosphere for one very immature school leaver. One lady, Mrs Bernice O'Hara was very kind to me. Her husband was overseas in the army. It was while I was working at Brown Barrett's that the American Forces started coming to New Zealand for their rest leaves. There was a camp just across the road from us and we could see the servicemen working around camp. As office junior it was my job to go into the city and get the cash for the wages. One day, I had just left the bank with my little suitcase full of money, when a nice handsome, young marine (US) came up to me and offered to carry my bag! I let him, of course, there wasn't much use in making a fuss. He carried it to my tram stop and handed it back to me when my tram arrived. He really wanted to know if I had a big sister at home!

In 1944 my mother sold her business and decided to go into partnership with Auntie Biddy in another bigger shop. So she sold hers for £450 and they bought another business in Ponsonby for £650. This was a much bigger shop. Once again we moved, and we were now living at 179 Ponsonby Road. We had just got our furniture etc. transferred and settled when my father collapsed. We moved on a Saturday, he went to hospital in an ambulance on the Thursday, and he died on the following Saturday, just one week after we made the move. He must have felt so ill during all the upheaval, and never uttered a word of complaint. I remember getting into the ambulance to say goodbye to him, and I never saw him alive again. I was fifteen years old, that was 4 March 1944.

The business at Ponsonby was successful right from the start, it was much bigger and we handled a lot more stock. I was working, of course, but was always expected to take my turn at night when I got home.

Then I decided to change my job. I wasn't particularly happy at Brown Barrett, there was no real opportunity for advancement. My Auntie Biddy suggested that I might like to work at the Farmers' Trading Company. A few years before she had been instrumental in

getting June (my cousin) a job there on the slipper counter, and she always enjoyed working there. We telephoned and got an appointment and soon I was accepted as an employee of that big establishment, working in an office that had over 200 girls in it. What a contrast with my other job! At this time I was also going to night school training to pass higher exams for more speed in shorthand and typing, so I was always working to improve myself. I was still taking piano lessons, and sitting music exams, although I soon gave that up. I actually learnt piano for five years altogether, I sat the fourth grade exam. From the first day at Farmers', I was a much happier person.

We were in the shop in Ponsonby for the rest of 1945, and just before Christmas 1945, sold out because of Auntie Biddy's ill health. Mum was loathe to sell because it was such a good business, but I wasn't willing to give up my job to work at home, so there was no one else she could ask. We sold it and bought a house still in partnership with Auntie Biddy. Unfortunately the house we bought (in Haverstock Road, Sandringham) had tenants and by law (at that time) we were not able to put them out. The tenant worked on night shift. Even though Jim Turner (Phyllis' husband) had acquired a little house in Howe Street (off Karangahape Road) for alternative accommodation. It was opposite a school (Auckland Girls' Grammar School) so it was unsuitable for a man who had to sleep in the daytime. Mum and Auntie managed to find a buyer for it, and then they chose the house at 4 Rocklands Avenue, Balmoral (off Dominion Road).

So Christmas Eve 1945 saw the three of us (Mum, Auntie Biddy and I) all arm-in-arm (half carrying Auntie Bid, who had a very bad leg) walking down the steep Howe Street hill, laughing almost hysterically, carrying a large weekend bag full of half-crowns! Every night when counting the takings at the shop, they always used to throw in a few half crowns, and it gradually grew to quite a pile! It's the biggest wonder that the bag handles held out for our walk home that night!

We had crammed all our possessions into Jim's little house, what a mess! The stuff was stuck in willy-nilly and we just had room to put up the required beds, this was a very short-term arrangement as we planned to

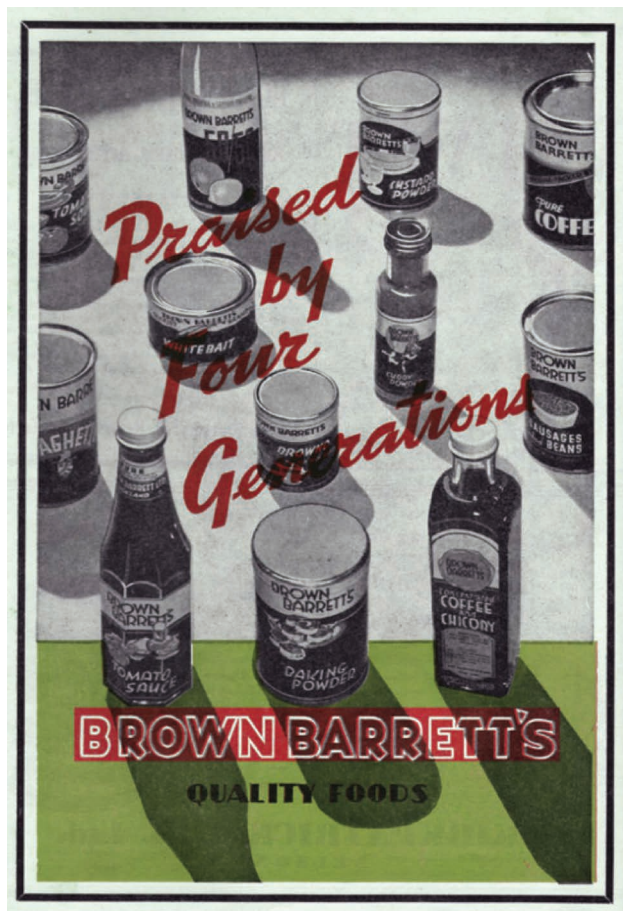


Figure 214: An advertisement featuring the Brown Barrett range from a Four Square (Foodstuffs NZ Ltd) Christmas brochure, 1948. Image courtesy Mike Davidson collection. (HB0132)



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move out again into our own house within the month. Uncle Pell and Marie turned up on Christmas Day, to spend some nights with us, then Auntie Nance came out of hospital. She had had an operation and couldn't walk upstairs, so we had to rig up a stretcher for her, but did manage to find her goose feather mattress, to give her some degree of comfort. It was a pokey little place, but we managed, and it was even closer to Farmers', so no trouble for me to get to work.

From the first day at Farmers' I started to make friends, lifelong friends, and it was the happiest period of my working life. It was there that I met Jean Simpson. She worked in the Time Payment Office and then was transferred to the Correspondence Department, where I was working. Together she and I joined the Farmers' Sports Team. Our coach was a Mr Don McGee, also employed by Farmers'. We had such a lot of fun in the team Jean was our Captain and Leader and she did a great job. We did well in the competitions and Don McGee was pleased with us. That was a great year.

The following year Jean was in a bus on her way home from work, when a car collided with her side of the bus. She was admitted to the hospital with a compound fracture to her leg, and consequently was off work for six months. After she got home from hospital, and was still in plaster, I used to go out to visit her on Sundays. (She lived in 3 Rawhiti Road, Te Papapa). She always liked to hear the news from work. Alan McKeown used to go out and see her too. She had her 21st birthday that November (1947). She had only been out of plaster a short time, but was determined to be able to dance at her party.

In the summer before the accident, Jean and I and another girl, Isabella, went to Milford Beach for the day. We met up with some boys, Johnny Morgan was the one I paired off with, and Alan turned up too, he was quite obviously after Jean. We all went out together for quite a while, but for some reason or other I broke off with Johnny. He was very nice, and goodlooking too! He was a keen weightlifter. This was all during the summer before Jean's accident. Alan, of course, worked at Farmers' too. After Jean and Alan began going out regularly, I used to go to dances with some of my girlfriends; the one whom I went out most with was probably May Donaldson. May lived in Gribblehurst Road which was out my way, and we

often shared a taxi home after a dance. The last tram left town at 11 PM about an hour before the dances finished, so if we wanted to stay for the last dance, we had to get a taxi home.

The Crystal Palace was one of our favourite dancehalls but we only went there when we had an escort. The Orange Ballroom (in Newton Road) was probably the most popular with us, and we used to go there on Friday nights after work. Farmers' staff worked to 8.30 PM Friday nights for many years. A crowd of us girls would go, and if we met someone who wanted to see us home, then off we'd go. If not, we shared a ride in a taxi. Sometimes we would make a date and go to the pictures on another night, if we liked the boy enough! This was probably the only way we had of meeting a boy in those days. There were other dance halls. One of the very popular ones was St Sep's. This was in Khyber Pass just behind the Holy Sepulchre Church. Another dance was the Catholic Youth Centre in Wellington Street. All these places were easy to get to by tram! The Crystal Palace was right out Mount Eden Road, and became our favourite haunt in later years ... after we got steady boyfriends! If there wasn't a party on, we would almost always head out there.

I met Pat O'Donovan at the Orange and he asked me for a date. We agreed to meet at the State Symonds Street Theatre for a movie. The night I was going to meet him, I couldn't remember for the life of me, what he looked like!?? When I jumped off the tram and walked towards the crowd outside the theatre, Pat walked out of the crush and started talking to me! We went out for quite a while. He had a friend (male) who liked to go out with us, and I always wondered why he didn't get a girlfriend and branch out on his own. Pat took me to meet his father and step-mother, which was quite an honour! He was getting pretty serious, but I wasn't. I still had a lot of living to do before settling down.

My grandfather Alfred HUMBERSTONE died about that time (September 1948) and I used that as an excuse to break off with Pat. He really was nice, but I got awful tired of that friend of his tagging along on dates. Pat took me to Westhaven night club—that was my very first night club outing.

That year the Farmers' Marching Team was formed. Marching was being introduced in Auckland. It was already very popular and active in the South Island and in the Hastings and Napier areas. Mr McGee picked me to be leader. It was a big year for me. At Christmas time some of the girls from the team, May Donaldson (Dalley), Eileen Hoey (Lumsden), her sister Iris, Molly Goddard (Norman) and Gebbie (Miss Meryl Gebbie, our team chaperone) all decided that we would go camping together at Arkles Bay, just north of Auckland. We had a tent, (through Gebbie) and managed to rake up enough mattresses etc., there was a cookhouse at the camp, and we booked in for the holiday of our young lives!!! It is such a pretty spot, well ... was a pretty spot. I haven't been back in years.

Every night after we had cooked and eaten tea, we would all gather in a little hall and have a singsong and dance. Molly's boyfriend, Bill O'Brien and his cousin Malcolm Rainbow used to attend these dances. May was a beautiful singer, and the song that was all the rage that year was *Come back to Sorrento*. May used to sing it with all her heart. She had had training, and always sang with such feeling. There was a couple who always organized the fun, the woman could play the piano like a demon, and her husband was a real comedian. He used to sing a song, about "Fat Fatima."

On New Year's Eve some boys anchored their yacht in the bay in the early evening and they all came along to the party in the hall. That was the night I met Reg Smith for the first time, May met Graham Dalley and Iris met Ken Wells. Graham's brother, Roger Dalley, who was engaged, was also there. The boys had only intended to stay for one night, but finished up spending the whole holiday there. They took us to Long Island for a picnic in the yacht. The yacht was E22 Moutere a keeler. Big enough for about ten of us to travel quite comfortably on a day trip. After that holiday, sunburned and exhausted, I returned home to Auckland to start off the working year. May and I met Graham and Reg again and then started going out steadily. Reg and I went out for 14 months and May and Graham married years later.

Bill O'Brien, who was taking Molly Goddard out at that time, later married Betty Hills, another great friend of mine from Farmers' who was still going to school at this time! Bill and his cousin Malcolm would join in the

fun at the hall at Arkles Bay. Malcolm was musical and could play the piano accordion wonderfully. He would play for hours, just going from one tune to another, and we would all joyfully join in. Both Malcolm and Bill worked at Farmers' too. Reg Smith worked for Mason Bros. Engineering (he had an apprenticeship in marine engineering). Reg's father was a motorman on the trams. (Pat O'Donovan also worked at Mason Bros., but had gone to sea, so Reg told me).

I also omitted to mention that I had a few dates with a tall good looking young man called Noel Henderson—a boy I had much admired when I belonged to a tennis club with Dawn, Doreen, June and Yvonne HUMBERSTONE (when we lived in Mount Eden Road). Noel also introduced me to his parents, so I must have been presentable—the sort of girl parents like to meet!?

In 1949 we went to lots of dances, always with Reg and Graham. Long evening dresses were in fashion, and as I had been bridesmaid three times, I had a choice. I also bought one or two, maybe more, lovely dresses over the years. The marching team was going well and we won the Auckland Centre Championship and the right to attend the National Champs which were held in Christchurch in March 1950.

However, before that, in August 1949, Mum and I went on a trip to the South Island. We spent a few nights with Auntie Jo and Uncle Les TATTERSFIELD at



Figure 215: Elizabeth MORGAN (b.1928) (far right) with two friends. (HB0134)

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their home in Buller Street, Wellington, then caught the Cook Strait Ferry to Picton, stayed in Blenheim overnight, then caught a bus to travel to Christchurch, via Kaikoura. Went on by train to Dunedin, then back to Christchurch and back to Wellington on the overnight ferry from Lyttleton! We were away two weeks, and it was the first time in the South Island for both of us. A lovely trip.

The following March the marching team headed for Christchurch. It was an exciting trip for us, many of the girls hadn't been to the South Island before. We went by train to Wellington and by ferry from Wellington to Lyttleton, sleeping overnight on the ship. We competed (it rained and was a dismal failure) and then we caught a bus to Blenheim, and got the ferry back from Picton to Wellington. Then train back to Auckland. About a week of travelling.

In 1949 Don McGee also selected six of us to be drum-majorettes and taught us mace swinging. It was for the Farmers' Santa Parade. It took hours of practice, but we made it, and soon had a very nifty uniform: white satin pleated skirt, very short, red military style jacket with fringed epaulettes, tall red peaked hat with a white plume in front, and of course, our white marching boots.

Once we had mastered the art and could keep in unison with the swings, we were in demand for floor shows at balls, all sorts of money raising affairs. We also received donations for our marching team uniform fund because we were in the process of changing from black jerkin white satin pleated skirt, to white jacket, (military style) Black Watch Tartan (black & white) and feather in our bonnet (Scots style). We raised quite a lot of money and had a lot of fun. We girls often got gifts of perfume and toiletries at these balls. It was not easy getting out on ballroom floors doing intricate marching movements in unison and swinging a mace on very highly polished floors!!! But we did it, and very successfully too. We were hired to go down to Wellington by express train (fares paid) to do a half time display and also to lead a parade before the big soccer final, when the Chatham Cup was being played for.

When the Empire Games were held in Auckland in 1950, there was a carnival parade held in Queen Street, and I led the whole parade from Quay Street, right up past the Town Hall! Moments of glory! All I felt that day was an almost numb arm and complete exhaustion from mace swinging most of the way!

Sometimes Don McGee would perform with us. He was at this time, the Drum Major for the City of Auckland Pipe Band, which trained with us every Sunday at Devonport. Reg and I were growing further and further apart, and after we got back from Christchurch, we never dated again. We spoke on the phone a couple of times, but that was it. One day at work, Betty Hills (O'Brien, Martin) came around and said "How about going to the Air Force Dance at Hobsonville?" I said, "What about Bill?" (she was going out with Bill O'Brien at that time, but they were always having fights). She said, "It'll do Bill good to know I can go out and enjoy myself without him!" So, off we went. I should mention here that for the past two winters I had been playing indoor basketball for Farmers' at the YMCA. It was a form of light relief after the intensive work we put into marching, for eight months of the year.

Anyway, to cut a very long story short, that was the night I met Ashly WHITTLE. He looked so nice with his blonde good looks, white polo neck sweater and navy blue blazer. At first I thought he wasn't going to dance it all. He just leaned against the wall and surveyed the dancers as they swung past. Then, he walked over and asked me to dance. We danced several dances, then when I was dancing with someone else he winked at me from his position in the doorway. After the dance was over, he saw me to the bus and asked me to go out with him the following week.

He said "Haven't I seen you playing basketball at the Y.M.?"

I said, "Yes."

"Then what's happened to your long hair!"

So I explained that I had just had it cut short for a 'change.' Then he told me that the Air Force team all called me "Legs Eleven!"





Figure 216: Ashly WHITTLE (1930-1977) (left) with friend. (HB0135)



Figure 217: Lin WILES (1930-2002) and Ashly WHITTLE (1930-1977) in Hamilton Tech uniform, mid-1940s, Garden Place, Hamilton. (HB0231)



Figure 218: Elizabeth MORGAN (b. 1928) and Ashly WHITTLE (1930-1977). (HB0136)

Anyway, we met after my game at the Y.M. and off to the movies we went, to see *Home of the brave*, a really good film. Wasn't it fortunate that I met someone who shared my love of the pictures! We went out whenever he had leave, and often I got a ride home in an Air Force truck. His friend Lofty Radonich (later to be our best man) drove transports into the city with the basketball team, and he would make a detour via Balmoral so that Ash could take me home!

We went out together for about eight months before we got engaged. We met in April 1950 and Ashly took me to Huntly to meet his parents for the first time about June 1950. They were on the farm, which was later to be our home for many years. It was then I met Molly for the first time. She was in the hospital with Glenda. I had also met Joe and Agnes once when they came up to Auckland to watch Ashly in a boxing

match—probably the Auckland Championships in 1950. (Ash won his division, which was middleweight).

We got engaged the night of a Farmers' dance. I wore my ring that night, and it wasn't long before someone noticed it and the congratulations poured in. Everyone liked Ash, he was such a happy person.

We were married on 19th April, 1952 at St Alban's Church in Balmoral. Dawn and Diana (cousins) were my bridesmaids, Don (Lofty) Radonich was best man, and Jimmy Kruse was groomsman. My grandma was able to attend the wedding, but died three months later. She was 86 years old. My Uncle Rufus gave me away, taking the place of my father. I think he really was Mum's favourite brother.



*Figure 219 Left: Wedding of Elizabeth MORGAN (b. 1928) and Ashly WHITTLE (1930-1977) on 19th April 1952 (St Alban's, Balmoral, Auckland). (HB0138)*



*Figure 220 Above: Wedding of Ashly WHITTLE (1930-1977) and Elizabeth MORGAN (b. 1928) on 19th April 1952 (St Alban's Balmoral). (HB0136)*



## 5.7 RUFUS NASH HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1895 - d. 1969)

Rufus was born on 25 September 1895 in Old Leake, Lincolnshire, England. In the 1911 Census of England he was listed as a farm labourer (aged 15) but seems to have been working only for the family in Old Leake. He arrived with the rest of the family on 20th May 1914 in Wellington, aged 19.



*Figure 221: Rufus HUMBERSTONE in the uniform of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in 1917. (HB0140)*

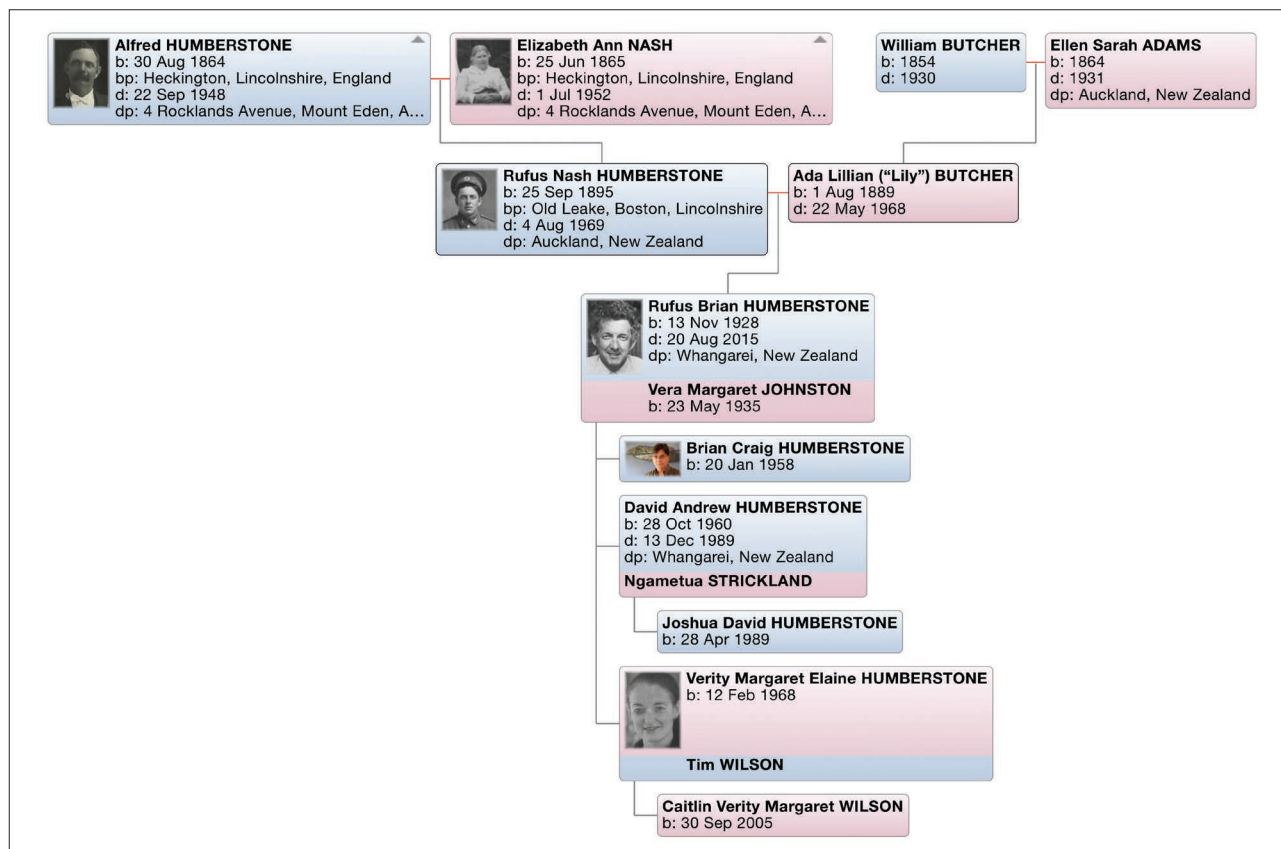


Figure 222: Overview of descendants of Rufus HUMBERSTONE (1895-1969) and Lily BUTCHER (1889-1968).

Oath to be taken  
Rufus Nash Humberstone  
nce to our Sovereign Lord the King, and that I

Figure 223: Rufus HUMBERSTONE's signature on the form entitled Attestation for Service in Time of War (2 September 1940). (HB0424, page 17)

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The following paragraphs summarize information contained in his military records from the New Zealand Defence Force Archives:

*In his "Attestation for general service" form, completed at Te Kuiti on 1 February 1917 Rufus describes himself as single, a self-employed farmer, who had been in the country for two years. He says he had passed the "Fourth Education Standard" and writes his preference for joining the infantry. He is then 5 feet 5 inches tall (162 cm) and 132 pounds (60 kilos) with a dark complexion, blue eyes and brown hair (chest expansion 33½ inches to 36 inches). He gives his religion as Anglican. He had perfect eyesight and hearing with a resting pulse of 84 beats per minute. He does have an appendectomy scar from an operation aged about 15 but that is sound and he passes as a "class A" recruit with "no marks [of] smallpox." He enters the army on 20 February 1917 and leaves New Zealand (via Wellington) on the ship Willochra on 9 June 1917 bound for Devonport in England! He is listed as a "rifleman" in the army records. Later records show he had been vaccinated in 1916 (not clear what for).*



Figure 224: Sling training camp for New Zealand forces (near Bulford, Wiltshire, England). (HB0141)

*He arrived at the training camp in Sling (Wiltshire, England)<sup>2</sup> on 16th August, before leaving for France on 1st October 1917, within two weeks though he was wounded in action but rejoins his unit a week later. After that he is hospitalized with measles in December 1917. He rejoins his unit and a year later on 18th October 1918 he is wounded in action with a gun shot wound to the right thigh (place of fighting not stated in the records), the wound is severe enough for him to be evacuated back to London, through Boulogne.<sup>3</sup> Three weeks later on 11 November 1918 the armistice is signed and hostilities cease.*

*Rufus is transferred to a convalescent hospital at Horn-church (Essex) on 12 December 1918. The bullet extracted has been passed down through his family. A letter from Rufus' father (Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948), dated December 11th 1918 is reproduced on p. 53-54 above, full of farm and neighbourhood news. On 17th December Rufus is moved to Codford Depot on the Salisbury plain for further rehabilitation and return to active duty. From about midnight on Sunday 5th January 1919 however Rufus is recorded as being absent without leave from Codford, returning about midnight on Monday 13th January. He was away eight days and was "fined 16 days pay and 8 days pay." Shortly after Rufus was embarked on the ship "Port Melbourne" on 25th January and he arrives back in New Zealand on the 8th March 1919, he is then discharged on 25 April, and returns to Piopio. Rufus was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his service during World War I.*

<sup>1</sup> *Nominal Rolls of New Zealand Expeditionary Force* Volume III. Wellington: Govt. Printer, 1918. Seen on the Cenotaph database (<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/92811.detail>) 23 September 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Sling Camp was a World War I camp occupied by New Zealand soldiers beside the then-military town of Bulford on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England.

<sup>3</sup> *Evening Post*, Volume XCVI, Issue 100, 24 October 1918, Page 3.



Form of attestation of voluntary recruits and of men called up for service under the Military Service Act, 1916, who are willing to be attested in this manner.

[E.F. Form No. 2]

**ORIGINAL**

**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

**ATTESTATION FOR GENERAL SERVICE.**

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE RECRUIT.

1. What is your name? ... *Rufus Hask Humberstone*

2. Where were you born? ... *England*

3. Are you a British subject? ... *Yes*

4. What is the date of your birth? ... *25 Sept. 1895*

5. What are the names of your parents? ...  
 Father: *Alfred Humberstone*  
 Mother: *Elizabeth Humberstone*

6. Where were your parents born? ...  
 Father: *England*  
 Mother: *England*

7. If your parents are of alien origin, when and where were they naturalized? ...

8. How long have you been resident in New Zealand? ... *Two years*

9. How long have your parents been resident in New Zealand? ...  
 Father: *Two years*  
 Mother: *Two years*

10. What is your trade or calling? ... *Farmer*

11. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? ... *No*

12. What was the address at which you last resided? ... *150 Dis*

13. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? ... *Yes*

14. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? ... *own a/c*

15. Are you single, married, widower, divorced, or legally separated from your wife? ... *Single*

16. If married, a widower, divorced, or legally separated from your wife, how many children under sixteen years of age have you? ... *0*

17. If single, how many persons are absolutely dependent on you? ... *0*

18. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? ... *No*

19. Do you now belong to any Military or Naval Force? If so, to what corps? ... *No*

20. Have you ever served in any Military or Naval Force? If so, state which and cause of discharge. ... *Yes*

21. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? ... *No*

22. Have you ever been medically examined for service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force? If so, when and where? ... *No*

23. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? ... *No*

24. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? ... *No*

25. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated and inoculated? ... *Yes*

26. Are you willing to serve in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand for the duration of the present war with Germany and six months thereafter, if your service is so long required? ... *26th*

27. For which Reinforcement draft do you volunteer? ...

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, *Rufus Hask Humberstone*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: *Rufus Humberstone*

Signature of Witness: *W. H. B. B. B.*

Oath to be taken by Recruit on attestation.

I, *Rufus Hask Humberstone*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces against His Majesty's enemies, and that I will loyally observe and obey all orders of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

Certificate of Attesting Officer.

The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands these questions, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered. The said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath of allegiance before me, at *150 Dis*, N.Z., on this *26th* day of *January*, 191*7*.

Signature of Attesting Officer: *89 B. B. B.*

NOTE 1.—If any alteration is required on this page of the attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alteration.

NOTE 2.—The recruit expresses his preference to enlist for *infantry* (Branch of service.)

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Figure 225: Scanned copy of the original form filled in by Rufus HUMBERSTONE (1885-1969) to enlist in the NZ Expeditionary Force for WWI in 1917. (HB0145)



## 5.7 RUFUS HUMBERSTONE

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Apparent age: 22 years        months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)

Height: 5 feet 5 inches.  
Weight: 132 lb.  
Chest-measurement: (Minimum, 33 1/2 inches.  
Maximum, 36 inches.)

Complexion: Dark  
Colour of eyes: Blue  
Colour of hair: Brown  
Religious profession: Anglican

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.  
appended scar  
to neck shoulder

*Medical Examination.*

Sight: Right eye, <u>6/6</u>	Is he free from hernia? <u>Yes</u>
Left eye, <u>6/6</u>	Is he free from varicocele? <u>Yes</u>
Hearing: Right ear, <u>8m</u>	Is he free from varicose veins? <u>Yes</u>
Left ear, <u>8m</u>	Is he free from haemorrhoids? <u>Yes</u>
Colour-vision: <u>8m</u>	Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? <u>Yes</u>
Are his limbs well formed? <u>Yes</u>	Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? <u>Yes</u>
Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? <u>Yes</u>	Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? <u>Yes</u>
Is his chest well formed? <u>Yes</u>	Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? <u>No</u>
Is his heart normal? <u>Yes</u>	Have you ever had a fit? <u>No</u>
Are his lungs normal? <u>Yes</u>	
What is the condition of the teeth? <u>One of m and</u>	
Have you had any illnesses? <u>No</u>	

*Remarks.*

Class A operation scar sound

*Certificate of Medical Examination.*

I have examined this recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in and beyond New Zealand.

1 Feb 17  
Examined by Travelling Medical Board  
Place:        Date:         
Signature:       

Address:         
Signature:       

Figure 226:  
Back of Rufus  
HUMBERSTONE's  
enlistment form (1917).  
(HB0146)

A farm diary of Rufus' has survived and the first page is shown below (Figure 228), including the indicative comment "baching helluva life" ("baching" presumably meaning living life as a bachelor). In the 1919 electoral roll for Waitomo Rufus and his brother Ernest are both listed as farmers living in Piopio. Rufus married Ada Lillian BUTCHER (b. 1 Aug 1889-d. 22 May 1968) in 1923. By the 1928 roll Ernest is a 'farm hand' in Tangitu (Waitomo area) while both Rufus and Ada are listed as still living in Piopio. The Wise's New Zealand Post Office directories for 1930, 1933, 1936 continue to list Rufus as a farmer in Piopio. The Waitomo general roll for 1935 has Rufus still in Piopio but Ada is not listed, while the Manukau supplementary roll for 1935 roll (later?) lists both of them as living in Waipuna Road, Ellerslie, Rufus' occupation is 'farm manager.'

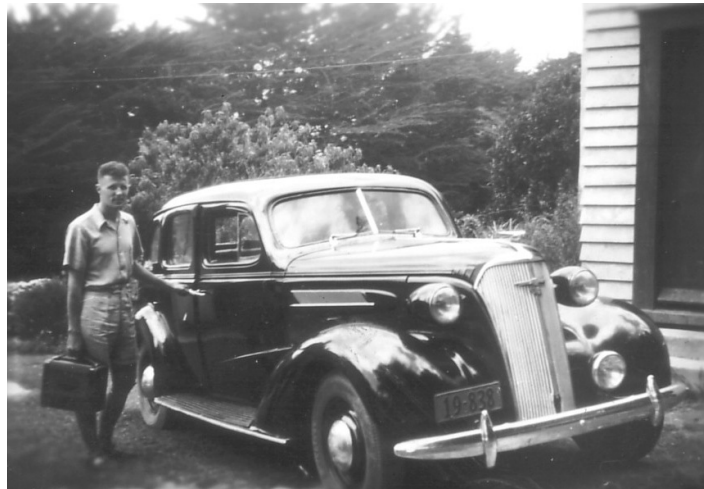


Figure 227: Rufus standing beside an early car. (HB0403)

Rufus worked on the family farm until later in life when he took up work for the Waitemata Power Board, in 1938 Rufus and his wife are both living in Warkworth, where Rufus is now a linesman. Perhaps the lease on the Māori land farm in Piopio expired around 1939 (1919 plus 20 years?). Wises's directory for 1940 lists him living in Warkworth as a driver. Rufus was again brought in for military service and the following is a summary of information in his second "Attestation for service in time of war" form handed in at North Head Devonport on 2nd September 1940.

*Rufus gives his birthday here as 24 September 1900, making himself five years younger for some reason. His occupation is then linesman for the Waitemata Electric Power Board and he is living at 3 Channel View Road, Takapuna. He had studied up to Standard 6 and had one son under 16 at that time. He was 10 stone 13 pounds (about 69 kilos), chest measurements 34½ inches to 38½ inches. He again has perfect eyesight, colour vision and hearing, however because of his wound from the first war (still tender) and reduced extension of the right elbow (cause unknown) he is classed as fit for electrical work only and not to be sent overseas. Later he was admitted to Auckland Hospital on 11th January 1943 with problems developing from his appendectomy scar and eventually discharged from military obligations on 29 May 1943. He lists his address then as 10 Harley Road, Takapuna. War medals received for this period of service were the War Medal 1939-1945 and the NZ War Service Medal.*

In the 1946 and 1949 lists Ada and Rufus are living in Auckland at 10 Harley Street (i.e. Road), Hauraki, North Shore, Auckland, with his occupation as linesman. This is the same for 1954. In 1957 they are both living at 2 Cambria Road (Devonport) and Rufus is now a 'foreman.' Rufus is retired by the time of the 1963, 1969 lists.

Peter HUMBERSTONE (b. 1950) (son of Rufus' younger brother Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983)) remembers Rufus coming to stay with their family in Ohaupo now and then (9 Great Burke Street from where the Humberstone Brothers transport company was run), more so after Lily passed away. Rufus was a quiet man, always happy to help in any way possible and always "a perfect gentlemen." Humberstone and other visitors were always welcome and stopped off frequently, including Les and Jo TATTERSFIELD as well as Tom HUMBERSTONE and others.

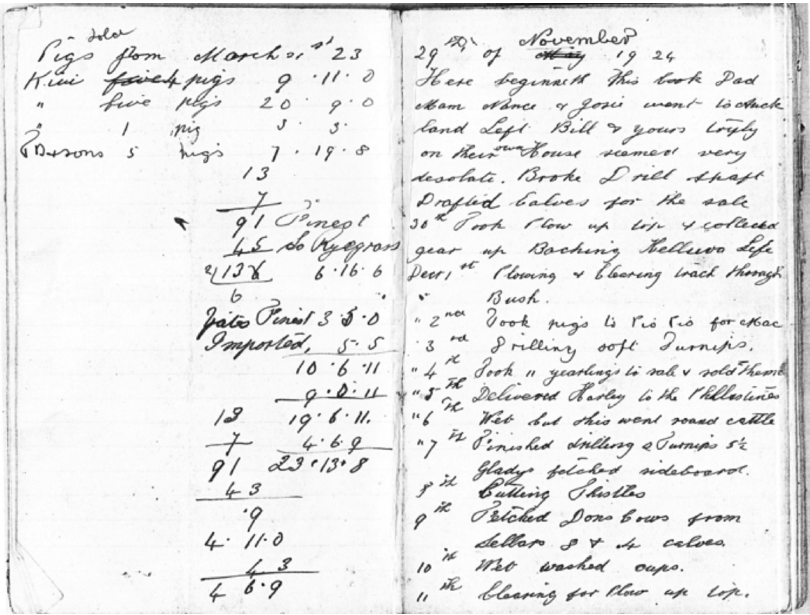


Figure 228: Opening page of Rufus HUMBERSTONE's (1895-1969) farm diary, 29 November 1924. (HB0142)

Figure 229: Rufus HUMBERSTONE detail of a photograph taken in 1952 at the funeral of his mother. (HB0220A)



29th November 1924  
Here beginneth this book. Dad [Alfred HUMBERSTONE], Mam [Elizabeth Ann NASH], Nance and Josie [HUMBERSTONE] went to Auckland. Left Bill [?] and yours truly [Rufus HUMBERSTONE] on their own. House seemed very desolate. Broke drill shaft, drafted calves for the sale.

30th November 1924. Took plough up top and collected gear up. Baching helluva life.

1st December. Ploughing and clearing track through bush.

2nd December. Took pigs to Piopio for Mac [Donald Macdonald?]

3rd December. Drilling soft turnips.

4th December. Took eleven yearlings to sale and sold them.

5th December. Delivered Harley to "Philistines."

6th December. Wet but this went round cattle [sic].

7th December. Finished drilling s[oft] turnips 5 ½ [hours?]. Gladys fetched sideboard.

8th December. Cutting thistles.

9th December. Fetched Don's cows from Sellars. 8 and 4 calves.

10th December. Wet, washed cups [?].

11th December. Clearing for plough up top.





*Figure 230: Rufus HUMBERSTONE (1895-1969) and Lily BUTCHER (1889-1968), perhaps on their wedding day in Te Kuiti (1923). (HB0143)*



*Figure 231: Rufus HUMBERSTONE (1895-1969) and Lily (née BUTCHER) (1889-1968) in September 1960. (HB0144)*



## 5.7.1 RUFUS "BRIAN" HUMBERSTONE

(b. 13 NOVEMBER 1928 - d. 20 AUGUST 2015)

m. Vera Margaret Johnston (b. 1935)

Brian Humberstone went to school in Takapuna and was in the 1944 Takapuna senior boys' rugby team as the five-eighths or centre. He played one more season after that but went on to start reporting on rugby and many other sports.

*Figure 232: Cover of Story of the games by Brian Humberstone ([Auckland, N.Z.]: New Zealand Herald, [1973]), 96 p. (HB0293)*

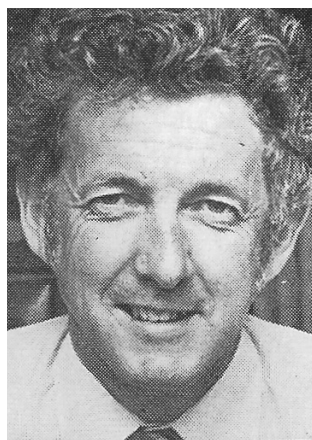
In the 1940s Brian worked as a proof reader on the *New Zealand herald*. He has written an account of this "My unhappy early days in journalism" (published in the *Auckland-Waikato historical journal*, Apr 1998, no.71, p. 27-29, reprinted below with permission).

On the electoral roll for 1949 and 1954 he was living at 10 Harley Road, North Shore, and his occupation was 'journalist.' In 1957 and 1963 he was still at 24 Harley Road, still as a journalist. His wife Margaret is listed at this address in the 1969 listing.

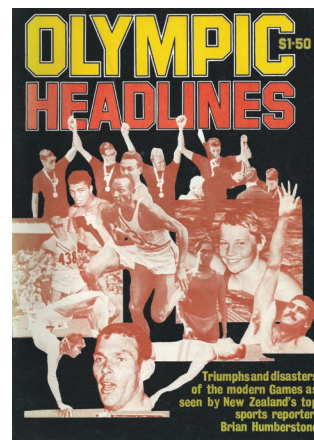
In 1963 he became the sports editor for the *New Zealand herald* for 19 years, he then spent six years writing features until his retirement in 1994. His book *Story of the games* backgrounds highlights from the Empire and Commonwealth Games from 1930 to 1974.



*Figure 233: Right (Brian HUMBERSTONE (b. 13 Nov 1928) from his 1976 publication on the Olympic games. (HB0292)*



*Figure 234: Far right The cover of another of Brian HUMBERSTONE's publications (1976). (HB0291)*





Brian Humberstone, sports editor of the New Zealand Herald since 1963, has had considerable experience in Games reporting. He was a cadet reporter at the 1950 Empire Games in Auckland before working for the New Zealand Press Association at the Helsinki Olympics and for Reuters at the Melbourne and Tokyo Games.

He is married with three children, and when he is not at the typewriter, he can be found trying to turn back the years teaching his two sons a backhand or two on the tennis court.

A graduate in history of the University of Auckland, he likes a wide variety of music, visits to unknown places and Irving Wallace books.

### THE AUTHOR

Figure 235: Author notes from the inside cover of Story of the games (1973). (HB0294)

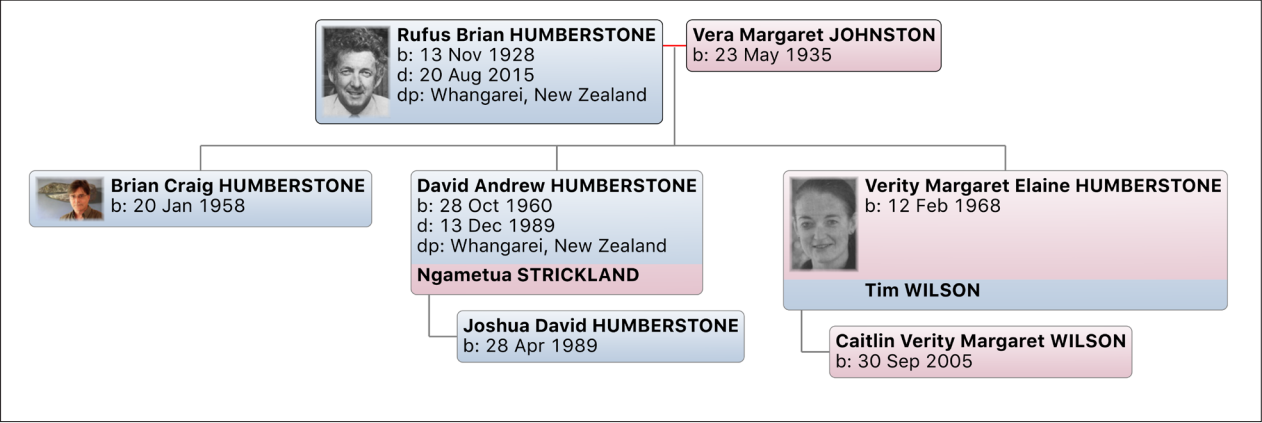


Figure 236: Decendants of Brian HUMBERSTONE (1928-2015) and Margaret JOHNSTON (b. 1935).

**My unhappy early days in journalism by Brian HUMBERSTONE (1928-2015) <sup>4</sup>**

Fifty years ago I was an unhappy young man working in the night proof reading room of the *New Zealand Herald*, and wondering if I would ever have the chance of becoming a sports writer for this country's largest daily. In those times future cadet reporters on this paper often had to serve a time, sometimes over a year, on the *Herald's* day or night reading staffs. But in my case I was not regarded as such a prospect. Without any educational credentials this "dropout" from Takapuna Grammar School was, in the view of the Wilson and Horton management, merely a possible "permanent fixture" in the proof reading room for the rest of his life.

1947 was one of the unhappiest of all my 68 years. The year itself was miserable enough with winter power shortages and mounting industrial strife without contemplating my rather unpromising future.

For those who were assured of a transfer below to the reporting rooms there were certain advantages learnt in the proofreading department. You gained some idea of the intricacies of putting a paper together as the result of the proof readers' close association with the printing composing room in those times of hot-type setting. You also learnt something of that strange thing called "*Herald* style." Much decision was pointed at [sic] the rules governing the way certain words should be spelt and numerous expressions which were never permitted. Right until my retirement in 1998 I was aware of "*Herald* style" and one of the final things I surrendered to my employers on departure was my special style book.

Several who passed through the proof reading rooms made good. Allan Cole, a future editor, had a term there. So did Gerald Symmans, for many years a leading figure in the parliamentary press gallery as well as, for a time, handling information for the Rob Muldoon team. Alan Brown, later racing editor of the *Herald* for about 20 years, also went through the proof reading room. There were many other distinguished journalists who spent some time there.

Before my entry into this bleak place on Christmas Day, 1946, I had been a messenger for the paper for six months. I was conscientious, but mistakes were made like the time I posted out hundreds of invoices which never went under the office franking machine. A friendly postal mailing department extracted them for me, and no damage [28] was done. I posted and gathered mail five times a day at the old Central Post office at the bottom of Queen St. In the management offices my first morning duty was to file newspapers, change desk blotters and wield a feather duster. A more demanding task was to attend the switchboard during morning and afternoon teas while the secretary, Margot Cormack, a kindly if rather austere person, took her breaks. Somehow I never quite mastered the board, and I am sure I lost several calls to the forbidding general manager, John Hardcastle, his assistant, Mike Pattison, Bob Wilson and others of the management suite.

And there was the occasion when I was entrusted with an urgent telegram from Hardcastle to someone in Dunedin. That was, I think, on a Monday morning. On about the Thursday I dug deeply in a trouser pocket only to extract with much horror that unsent telegram. I simply handed it over to the telegram counter, and waited for a stormy inquisition back on the *Herald* management's floor. I never heard a thing. An afternoon task was to take a Gladstone bag, full of cheques and cash, to the nearby Bank of New Zealand building after "cashing up" at the end of the day by the head cashier with the crewcut hair style. Gone are such days of blissful trust and innocence! I made my Christmas Day debut at the proof reading room shortly before 6 PM. There were no problems as everything ran smoothly in the production of the Boxing Day *Herald*. As a result I was allowed to catch the 1 AM. night launch to Devonport. On the following night I assumed I could do the same thing.

Eric Gillam, deputy head reader, gruffly told me my work ended at 1:30. Later I began my day, or more correctly night at 5.30 PM, allowing me to catch the night launch at the Admiralty steps at 1 AM. In 1947 that was not necessarily a straight crossing to the Devonport Wharf. The Waitemata Harbour was often

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<sup>4</sup> Reprinted from the *Auckland-Waikato historical journal*, April 1998, No. 71, p. 27-29.



full of merchant ships waiting to disgorge their cargo in these turbulent times of waterside disputes. Thus the night launch went all over the harbour in returning seamen to their ships. From Devonport I still had a three and a half mile ride on an old fixed-wheeled bike to my home in Takapuna.

At the start of my working day, first taking a ferry at Devonport, I chained my bike on a railing close to dozens of others on the long concrete walkway to the gangway. At least for those who lived close to the Devonport wharf the car and the bus were not automatic conveyors. One I often saw unlocking his bike was Verdun Scott, one of my boyhood cricket heroes.

The proofreading room had three main working divisions. There were the proofreaders who marked all the errors on the galley proofs like transpositions, omissions in style, missed words and corrected reporters' errors.

Beside the reader was the copyholder who could check the original text when read out by the reader, and stop the reading if the printed words were at variance with the pages before him.

The third area was that of the revisers who would look at the corrected line in the proof and ensure that the mistake had been changed. It sounds simple and not too demanding. And it was until you slipped up. On one occasion I missed the word "not" in my copy, changing the whole meaning of the story. The article thus had to be run again in its entirety the following day.

For my revised starting time I was often copy holder for Ben Richards, the header reader who had very badly twisted feet, but shuffled around courageously in the department split up into about five or six rooms. Ben had a special hate for the suggestive or lurid phrase in picture advertisements and he would, in triumphant Calvinistic exuberance, run his pen through the offending words. For Ben "*Herald* style" was being desecrated. Ben had a great love of classical music—his sister was a music teacher—and he keenly proofed the polished reviews of LCMS, *Herald* music critic for more than 50 years. I also held copy for Lionel Crothers, a member of the

Northern Journalists committee for some years, and a regular subscriber to John A. Lee's weekly. He was immaculate in his correction of proofs, although I think he always despaired of my Maori pronunciation. Eric Gillam, built on minor Billy Bunter lines, had a wide knowledge, including a very good understanding of sport. He marked his proofs with a Parker fountain pen, the ballpoint was some years away.

A proof reader who sought more freedom was Selwyn Rogers, a quietly-spoken man, who left and turned to photography with much success. Later I was to share several *Herald* assignments with him.

A reviser who had a great booming voice and held dearly to certain Christian principles was Dave Thompson who, after his transfer from the proof reading room, did not stay long with the *Herald* reporters.

We were not always the most harmonious team. I recall one night as we gathered at the supper room table, covered in newsprint "cloth" a terrible argument broke forth between Ted Miles, a Canadian, and Max Lawson Smith who had a family connection with the *Rotorua morning* (later *evening*) *post*. Inevitably the argument was political, and the more Miles thundered the more Lawson Smith smirked. In my teenage naivete I thought Max was rather witty as he frequently remarked: "The best is hardly good enough for me." I called on him about a year later when he was on the *Wellington evening post*. No longer did I think he was funny.

A snappy dresser, even for night shift work, was Dave Dunningham who later made his mark in entertainment management. A friend of his was Dudley Blomfield whose quiet manner was accompanied by an equally polite voice.

More memorable was John de Rungs who, I think, had been on the *Herald* before. This Second War veteran, had a profound knowledge of so many things and in my library is a copy of Lord Macaulay's *History of England* which he gave me 50 years ago. At the start of my dreary work I was receiving about a guinea a week—it went up a few shillings before I left. I worked six days on two out of every three weeks.



By the spring of 1947, when the future Queen Elizabeth II married Philip Mountbatten, my release from this place still seemed remote. But then, at last, a break! Charlie Guiney, deputy sports editor, and well-known for his sound cricket and rugby articles under the by-line of Cantab, inquired if anyone would like to report on club cricket games. I jumped at the offer even, if on my first Saturday, I have to travel by bus-ferry-bus there and back from Takapuna to Papatoetoe. I continued to write such reports, even if the stories were only three or four paragraphs in length. I also continued to “jump on” any inaccurate sports reports I guess to impress the sports editor, TP, now Sir Terry McLean. By April 1948 I had, as happy as any convent novice, leapt over the wall and was a permanent member of the sports staff, although strangely titled “athletics” department in those days.

I would like to say that, from here, I never looked back, but that would be quite untrue. I was incredibly shy when confronting the famous, and mistakes were made, one coming close to a court action. But gradually I grew in confidence and I think in ability as I gained evening class passes in school certificate and university entrance, and some years later graduated with a BA in history. There was also a splendid marriage, now in its 41st year, to a Takapuna teacher, Margaret Johnston, and parenthood, which all helped to turn the hesitant youth of the late '40s into a much more positive person a decade later. I was appointed sports editor of the *Herald* in 1963 and, in 1982, conscious of retirement just a few years later,

transferred to the features department of the same paper.

Long after my departure from the proof readers I maintained a necessary relationship with the department. Of course I was critical when readers had botched my or a fellow journalist's story, but I hope I was more than politely grateful when those same readers saved reporters, including myself, from terrible mistakes.

Today, with more papers switched on to computerised cold type setting the proof reading room, in many instances, has no longer the influence of the old days when clumsy linotype machines churned out the news. Now proofreaders seem the forgotten people of journalism, but they contributed much in making the *Herald* a great, indeed a world-class newspaper.

*The author was on the staff of Wilson and Horton for all of his working life. He was sports editor of the New Zealand Herald from 1963 until 1982, when he became a features writer. He retired in 1988, and is now vice-president of the North Shore Historical Society.*

## 5.7.1.1 BRIAN CRAIG HUMBERSTONE

(b. 20 JANUARY 1958)

# 5.7.1.2 DAVID ANDREW HUMBERSTONE

(b. 28 OCTOBER 1960 - d. 13 DECEMBER 1989)  
m. Ngametua STRICKLAND

David HUMBERSTONE was a prominent young surgeon involved in New Zealand cancer research, he was senior surgical registrar at Auckland Hospital before taking up an appointment at Whangarei hospital but died suddenly just days after that.

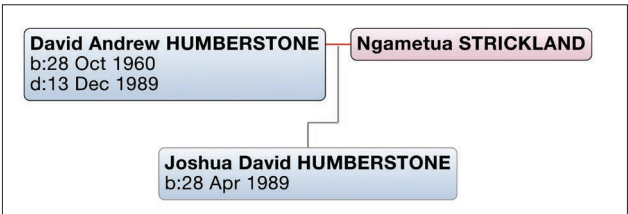


Figure 237: Descendants of David Andrew HUMBERSTONE (1960-1989) and Ngamatea STRICKLAND.

# 5.7.1.3 VERITY MARGARET ELAINE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 12 FEBRUARY 1968)  
m. Tim WILSON

A psychiatrist Verity HUMBERSTONE has worked in the areas of mental health and addiction services (in Auckland and Whangarei).

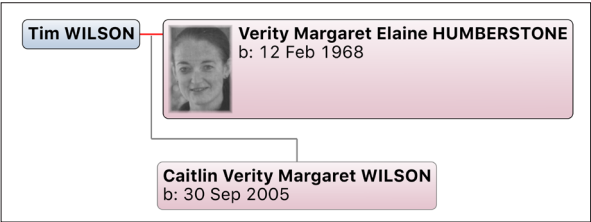


Figure 238: Descendants of Verity Margaret Elaine HUMBERSTONE (b. 1968) and Tim WILSON.

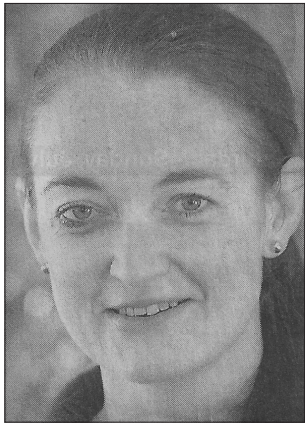


Figure 239: Verity HUMBERSTONE (b. 1968). (HB0295)

## 5.8 ERNEST HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1897 - d. 1974)

Ernest ("Ernie") HUMBERSTONE was born in Old Leake, Lincolnshire on 16 July 1897, he arrived in New Zealand with the family group on 20th May 1914, aged 17. Three years later in 1917 he was conscripted into the New Zealand army reserve from Te Kuiti, but the family appealed and he was exempted because he was a "milker."<sup>1</sup>



*Figure 240: Doris BUTCHER (1900-1955) with husband Ernie HUMBERSTONE (1897-1974) on their wedding day, 23 September 1923 at Mangatoki, Taranaki. (HBO301)*

<sup>1</sup> "The appeal of Ernest Humberstone, milker, Piopio, was adjourned *sine die* [i.e. without assigning a day for a further meeting or hearing]" Reservists' appeals in *New Zealand herald*, Volume LIV, Issue 16668, 12 October 1917, Page 6.



In 1919 Ernie is listed in the electoral rolls for Waitomo as a farmer in Piopio (as is his brother Rufus with whom he worked at that time, presumably on the Māori farm leased by the HUMBERSTONE family).

Ernie married Doris BUTCHER on 24 September 1923 at Mangatoki, Taranaki and they had four daughters. Doris however had been at school at Piopio in 1912 and this was perhaps where these two first met. On one 1928 electoral roll (the *Waitomo general roll*) Ernie is listed as a farm hand at Tangitu but on the *Waimarino supplementary roll* for the same year he is also listed as a millhand at Waimiha, presumably at Endean's mill which was on the road to Kate and Donald McDONALD's property on Ongarue Stream Road. In 1935 he is listed in the same place with the same job, but has been joined there by Doris.

In 1942 at the age of 45, Ernest HUMBERSTONE, "timber-worker," is listed in the *New Zealand gazette* for the military reserve at Waimiha (his brother Pell is also listed as a boot-maker in Alexandra Street, Te Kuiti at that time). Again in 1946 Ernest is listed as a "mill-hand" at Waimiha (at this time brother Pell and his wife Mary were also at the same mill at that time).

When the girls needed to continue their education, Doris went to live in Mount Eden, Auckland at a small house (8 Haultain Street), in 1946, 1949, 1954 she is listed as living there with the two girls (Doreen and Dawn). In 1949 Ernie is registered on the *Waimarino general roll* at Waimiha as a millhand at Endean's mill, while on the 1949 *Tauranga supplementary roll* (no. 2) he is cited as a timber worker at Gate Pa (Tauranga).

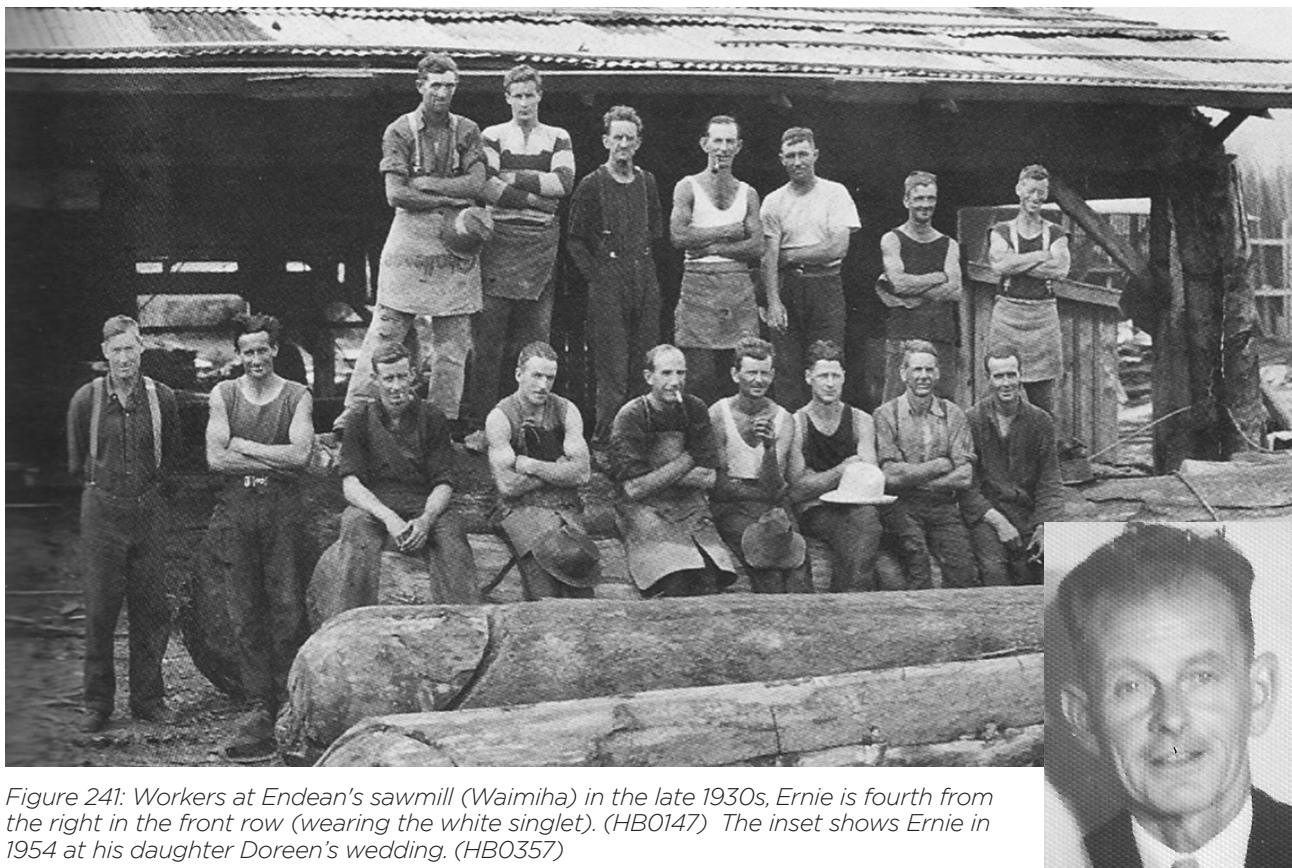


Figure 241: Workers at Endean's sawmill (Waimiha) in the late 1930s, Ernie is fourth from the right in the front row (wearing the white singlet). (HB0147) The inset shows Ernie in 1954 at his daughter Doreen's wedding. (HB0357)

Ernie also worked on his brother-in-law Donald McDONALD's farm at Waimiha in the 1920s and later joined his brother Eric HUMBERSTONE to set up the Humberstone Brothers carrying company in Ohaupo around 1952. Doris and the girls never lived in Ohaupo and when Ernie was there he stayed with Eric and his wife at 10 Great Burke Street. In 1954 and 1957 Ernest is listed as a carrier living in Ohaupo (Great Burke Street). By 1969 and 1972 he had retired and is living at 41 Aramoana Avenue, on the North Shore.

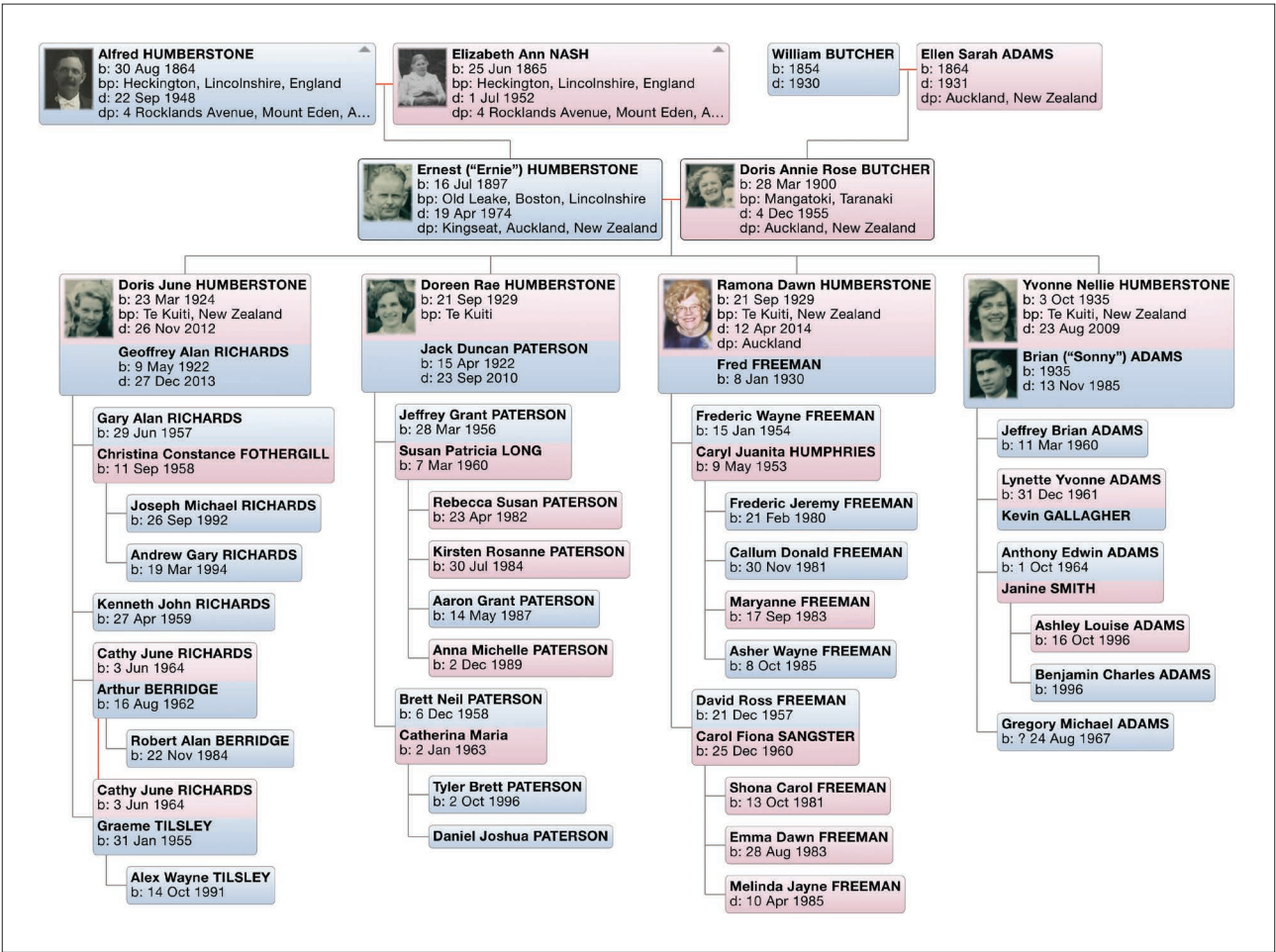


Figure 242: Overview of the family of Ernie HUMBERSTONE (1897-1974) and Doris BUTCHER (1900-1955).



Figure 243: Ernie HUMBERSTONE (1897-1974) and Doris (1900-1955) on the porch of their daughter June's house with children: L to R (front row) Dawn HUMBERSTONE (b. 1929) holding her son Wayne FREEMAN (b. 1954) who has just been christened, Doreen HUMBERSTONE (b. 1929), a friend of Yvonne's (name not known now), Ron Murray (cousin of Sonny ADAMS), Robin \_\_\_\_\_ (another cousin of Sonny's), then Sonny ADAMS (1935-1985) by railing; (middle row) June HUMBERSTONE (1924-2012), Ernie HUMBERSTONE (1897-1974), Yvonne HUMBERSTONE (1935-2009), Doris BUTCHER (1900-1955); back row Brian HUMBERSTONE (1928-2015), Alan RICHARDS (1922-2013). (HB0148)



Figure 244: L to R, Ernie (1897-1974) seated beside brother Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) detail of a photo taken in 1952 at the funeral of their mother. (HB0362)





Figure 245: Daughters of Ernie HUMBERSTONE and Doris HUMBERSTONE (née BUTCHER): Yvonne (at back) (1935-2009), (L to R) June (1924-2012), and twins - Doreen (b. 1929) and Dawn (1929-2014). (HB0311)

## 5.8.1 DORIS 'JUNE' HUMBERSTONE

(b. 23 MARCH 1924 - d. 26 NOVEMBER 2012)

m. Geoffrey Alan RICHARDS (9 May 1922-27 Dec 2013)

5.8.1.1 Gary Alan RICHARDS (b. 29 June 1957)

5.8.1.2 Kenneth John RICHARDS (b. 27 April 1959)

5.8.1.3 Cathy June RICHARDS (b. 3 June 1964)

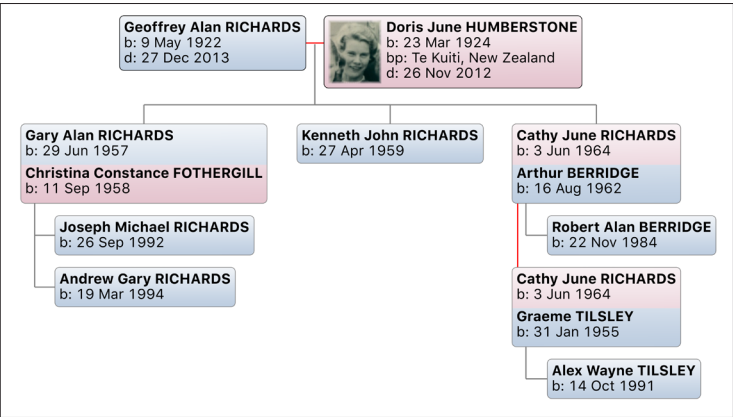


Figure 246: Descendants of June HUMBERSTONE (1924-2012) and Alan RICHARDS (1923-2013).



# 5.8.2 DOREEN RAE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 21 SEPTEMBER 1929) (TWIN)

m. Jack Duncan PATERSON (15 April 1922 - 23 September 2010)

5.6.2.1 Jeffrey Grant PATERSON (b. 28 March 1956)

5.6.2.2 Brett Neil PATERSON (b. 6 December 1958)

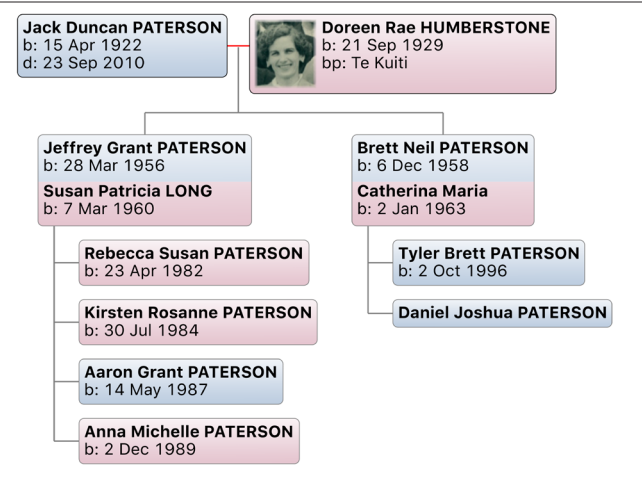


Figure 247:  
Descendants  
of Doreen  
HUMBERSTONE  
(b. 1929) and Jack  
PATERSON (1922-  
2010).

# 5.8.3 RAMONA 'DAWN' HUMBERSTONE

(b. 21 SEPTEMBER 1929 - d. 12 APRIL 2014) (TWIN)  
m. Fred FREEMAN (b. 8 Jan 1930)

- 5.8.3.1 Frederic Wayne FREEMAN (b. 15 January 1954)
- 5.8.3.2 David Ross FREEMAN (b. 21 December 1957)

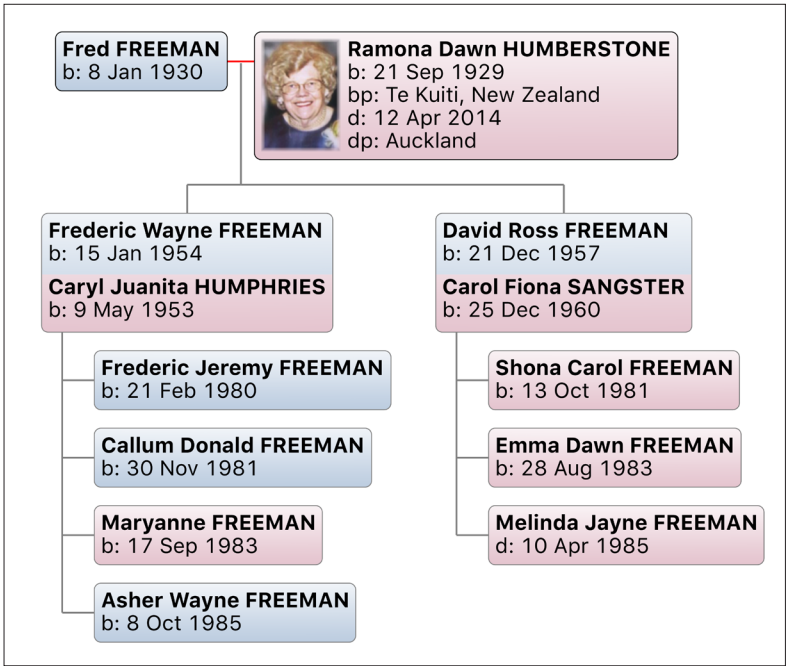


Figure 248: Descendants of Dawn HUMBERSTONE (1929-2014) and Fred FREEMAN (b. 1930).

## 5.8.4 YVONNE NELLIE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 3 OCT 1935 - d. 23 AUGUST 2009)

m. Brian ("Sonny") ADAMS (1935-13 Nov 1985)

5.8.4.1 Jeffrey Brian ADAMS (b. 11 March 1960)

5.8.4.2 Lynette Yvonne ADAMS (b. 31 December 1961)

5.8.4.3 Anthony Edwin ADAMS (b. 1 October 1964)

5.8.4.4 Gregory Michael ADAMS (b. 24 August 1967)



*Figure 249: Yvonne HUMBERSTONE (1935-2009) and her mother DORIS (1900-1955) at Yvonne's 21st birthday (3 October 1953). (HB0149)*



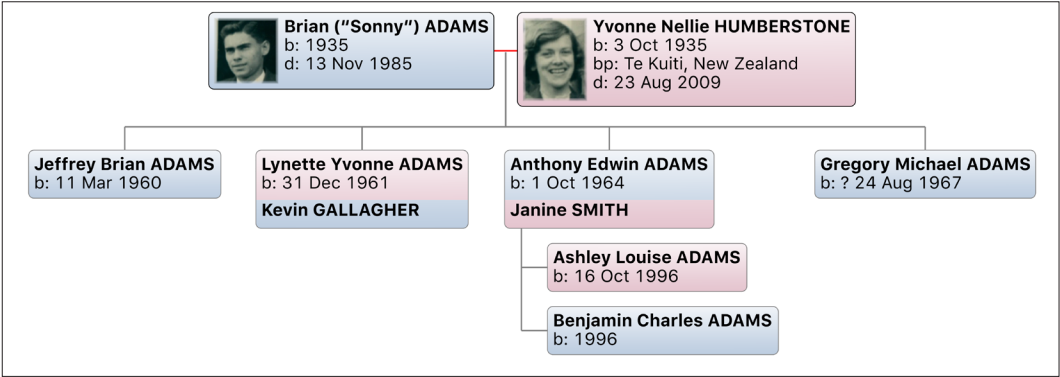


Figure 250:  
Descendants  
of Yvonne  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1935-2009) and  
Sonny ADAMS  
(1935-1985).



Figure 251: (L to R) Dawn HUMBERSTONE (1929-2014) with her mother Doris (née BUTCHER) (1900-1955) and sister Doreen HUMBERSTONE (b. 1929) at a Jones-Natali family wedding, 12 November 1949. (HB0407)

## 5.9 PELL WILLIAM HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1899 - d. 1985)

Pell William HUMBERSTONE was born in Old Leake, Lincolnshire on 13th May 1899. His first given name, Pell, was the surname of his father's paternal grandmother Christiana PELL (b. 1793-d. 1878), while his middle name, William, was the name of Alfred's paternal grandfather (William HUMBERSTONE (b. 1789-d. 1879)). For details see Figure 63 on p. 62 above.

Pell arrived with the HUMBERSTONE family group on the Shaw Savill vessel the *Tainui* in Wellington on 20th May 1914 having turned 15 on the boat just a few days before that. Pell was quick witted and in Lincolnshire had been one of the three HUMBERSTONE children to win the £5 prize at the local school (the other two being sisters Kate and Gladys). He had a lively sense of humour and now and then managed to tease his sisters somewhat.

Pell seems to have started up as a boot repairer and boot maker a few years later in June 1920 (when he was just 20) judging from the ad below from the *King Country chronicle*.

At first the boot shop was in the main street of Te Kuiti, Rora Street, but then Pell got a chance to move into new premises built on Sheridan Street (nearby), beside Herb Connell's menswear shop.

His niece Elizabeth HUNTER (née MORGAN) (b. 1928) and family (Gladys and Arthur MORGAN) were living behind the boot shop and Elizabeth would spend time watching Pell



Figure 252: Pell William HUMBERSTONE (1899-1985). (HB0151)



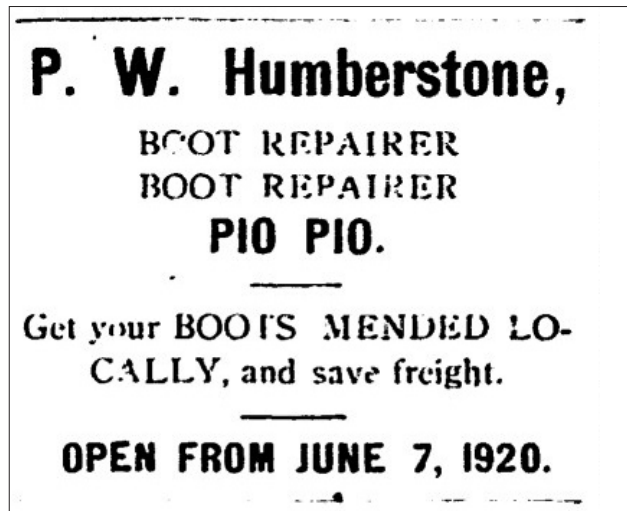


Figure 253: Advertisement for Pell HUMBERSTONE's shop in Te Kuiti, King Country chronicle, 1 June 1920, Issue 1374, p.4. (HB0425)

work. He was an expert and very skilled shoe repairer, he didn't make shoes in New Zealand (although he did know how to do that) mostly he was repairing them. Elizabeth MORGAN remembers Pell working on large sheets of leather (green or tan in colour) and neatly cutting out the shape of soles and then working on a last, sewing them onto shoes with waxed thread he had already prepared, the end result making the shoes look like new.

In the 1928 *Auckland West supplementary electoral roll*, Pell is listed as a bootmaker and living at 1 College Road (Saint Johns). In the same year in the *Auckland Central general roll* he is listed as a boot repairer at 233 Karangahape Road (where his parents and Hannah ("Nance") are also listed as residing though this was a fish and chip shop they ran with a boot repair business adjoining). In 1929 Pell was staying in Auckland (probably with Alfred HUMBERSTONE and Elizabeth Ann NASH) as shown in the *Truth* article below.

In 1928 Pell is named in a court case for being on licensed premises (the Hobson Hotel) after hours, but the case was dismissed, the defence being that he was a boarder and had intended to stay at the hotel for a weekend (see Figure 254 above).

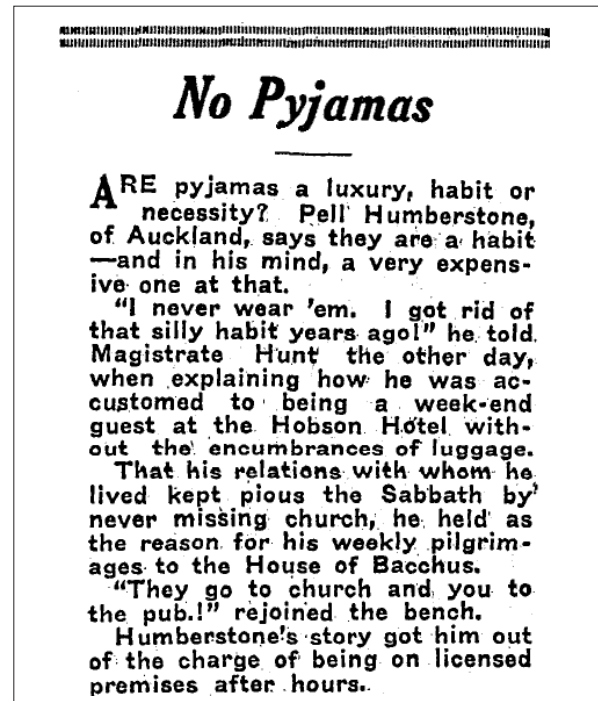


Figure 254: Report of a case involving Pell HUMBERSTONE, NZ truth, 14 June 1928, Page 3. (HB0426A and B)

In March 1932 (aged 31) he married Mary Elizabeth HONE (28 August 1905-5 January 1995) in the Registrar's Office, Te Kuiti with his sister Gladys MORGAN (née HUMBERSTONE) and a local police sergeant as witnesses.<sup>1</sup> Mary was also able to do some of the smaller jobs in the Sheridan Street shop, for example plating the toes and heels of shoes. Pell was not averse to a tipple and according to family stories there was some sly grogging also going on through the shop, see the court case about that in 1942 detailed below (not at all uncommon in "dry" Te Kuiti at that time) (see Figure 255 below).

In 1935 Pell is back in Te Kuiti, living at the Seddon Street house with his father (Alfred) who is listed as a farmer and brother Eric (listed as a motor driver) and his recently married wife Mary Elizabeth HUMBERSTONE (née HONE). For some reason Elizabeth Ann is not listed at the house on that roll.

<sup>1</sup> Mary's sister Ethel HONE married Pell's younger brother Eric HUMBERSTONE at Easter 1939 (Te Kuiti Anglican Church).

**LIQUOR IN “DRY” AREA**  
(O.C.)                      TE KUITI, Friday  
A fine of £25 was imposed on William Pell Humberstone by Mr. W. H. Freeman, S.M., at Te Kuiti, for keeping liquor for sale in a proclaimed area. It was stated that a search conducted by the police revealed one dozen bottles of beer behind a wardrobe, two parcels containing one dozen and seven bottles of stout, respectively, and ten bottles of wine.

Figure 255: Court case from 1942 concerning Pell HUMBERSTONE in Te Kuiti (New Zealand herald) 7 November 1942. (HB0287)



Figure 257: Pell HUMBERSTONE (1899-1985) and Mary Elizabeth HONE at their son Bill's marriage to Ruth GRIERSON on 2 July 1960 (Rotorua). (HB0160)



Figure 256: Pell HUMBERSTONE (1899-1985) detail of a photograph taken in 1952 at the funeral of his mother. (HB0363, HB0220A)

In 1935 and 1936 Pell was a vice-president of the Kiwi Cricket Club (Te Kuiti).<sup>2</sup> In the 1938 list Elizabeth Ann NASH is added to the inhabitants at Seddon Street (along with Alfred and Eric), but Pell and Mary have moved out to Alexander Street, Te Kuiti. In 1942 the notice in Figure 255 appears in the *New Zealand herald* (Volume 79, Issue 24425, 7 November 1942, Page 9). In 1946 and 1949 Alfred and Elizabeth Ann have moved away from Te Kuiti (having sold the Seddon Street house to their daughter Kate) while Pell and Mary are living at Endean's mill where brother Eric is a millhand alongside Pell.

In 1957 Pell and Mary were living in Terrace Road, Te Kuiti, with Pell a timber worker, his son Eric William

HUMBERSTONE is also listed, as a contractor in Te Kuiti. In 1963 Pell is listed in Terrace Road but is now retired, while Mary Elizabeth is a shop assistant (1963) or simply “married” (1969), their daughter Shirley Ann is now on the roll too at that address (1963 only). In 1972 both are still in Terrace Road with Mary Elizabeth is a factory hand. In 1978 and 1981 both Pell and Mary Elizabeth are still in Terrace Road, but now retired.

<sup>2</sup> *New Zealand herald*, Volume LXXII, Issue 22211, 11 September 1935, Page 9 and *New Zealand herald*, Volume LXXIII, Issue 22519, 9 September 1936, Page 18.



5.9 PELL HUMBERSTONE

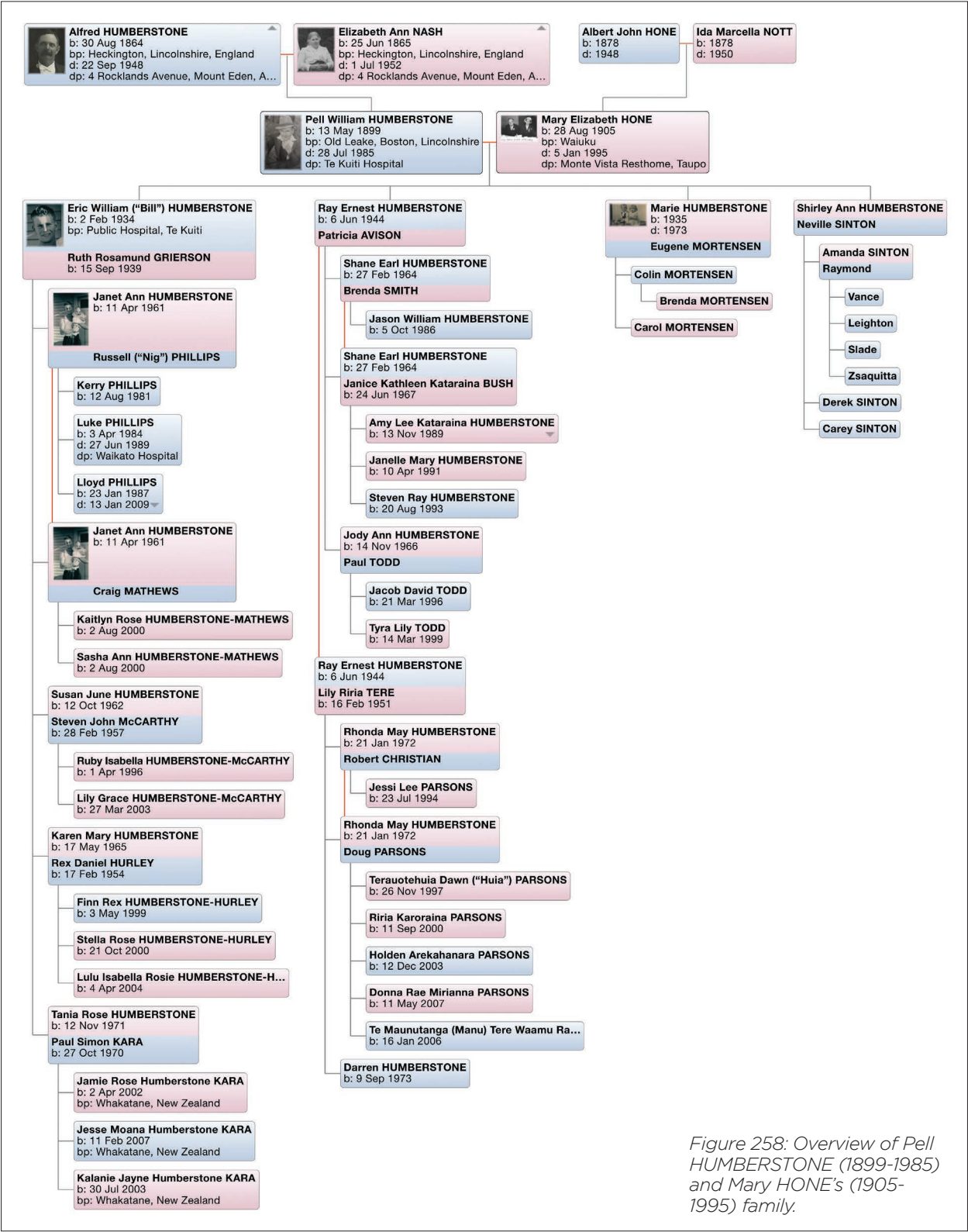


Figure 258: Overview of Pell HUMBERSTONE (1899-1985) and Mary HONE's (1905-1995) family.

## 5.9.1 ERIC (“BILL”) HUMBERSTONE

(b. 2 FEBRUARY 1934)

m. Ruth Rosamund GRIERSON (b. 15 Sept 1939)

### Notes from Bill HUMBERSTONE (b. 1934) about his life:

- Feb. 1934 Born in Te Kuiti, eldest of four children, two sisters, one brother. From age three to five spent lots of time with grandparents on their dairy farm at Waiuku. Grandad HONE wanted me to be a jockey, had my own pony. Many trips to the West Coast fishing for snapper and netting flounder and mullet. Also rode with uncles when they went hunting fallow deer on the Manukau Peninsula. Rode up to 25 km each day.
- Feb. 1939 Started school in Te Kuiti.
- 1940 During World War Two father was “man-powered” into the timber industry. Lived at Endean’s mill 8 km from school at Waimiha without electricity or phone.
- 1947 Lived with grandparents and went to Waiuku District High School for three years.
- Dec. 1949 Parents moved to Waipa Valley where father worked at the timber mill. I spent a year working with a carpenter, Roy Eastern, building ten new mill houses; worked ten hours a day, six days a week, wages were one shilling (now 10 cents).
- 1951 Working in the bush, axe and crosscut saw felling rimu, matai, kahikatea and totara logs for the mill, now getting three and six (3/6) (now 35 cents).
- 1954 Drove trucks for Uncles Eric and Ernie (Humberstone Brothers) at Ohaupo.
- 1955 Worked in the bush at Taumaranui.
- 1956-57 Worked for farmer contractor, Waipa Valley.
- Jan. 1958 Bush contract with Fletcher Timber for five years at Tauparea Plain. Put roads in, fell, haul and load logs onto trucks using Caterpillar DY bulldozer. A large block of indigenous bush, 20 truck loads a week.
- July 1960 Married Ruth GRIERSON from Rotorua, lived in hut at bush, 20 km from Barryville Store and 40 km from Mangakino. Had four daughters in the next 11 years.
- July 1963 Left Fletcher and worked as farmer contractor again, got electricity in November 1963.
- 1965 Bought 208 acres bush and scrub and started developing it in my spare time.
- March 1967 Rented mill house and worked in district, fencing, shearing, bush work and breaking in our land. Bought more land, all in bush.
- Dec. 1969 Shifted into our new house on the farm, more land bought.

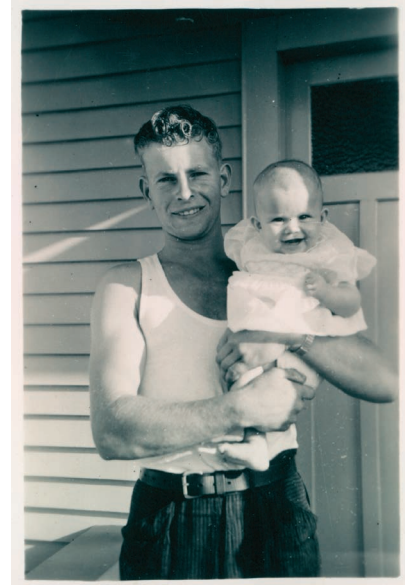


Figure 259: Bill HUMBERSTONE (b. 1934) and his daughter Janet (b. 1961). (HB0153)

5.9 PELL HUMBERSTONE

- 1988

Now had 2,000 acres grass and 400 acres saved bush called *Deerhaven*. Wintered 6,000 sheep, 600 cattle and 300 deer. Leased farm for four years. Bought Richmond Downs Deer Park 17 km from Matamata and moved there with our deer.
- 1991

Took over *Deerhaven* again and put manager on.
- 1996

Sold *Deerhaven* and bought neighbour's farm at Richmond Downs, farming 2,000 deer, 500 dairy heifers and 100 sheep.
- 2004

Sold Richmond Downs Deer Park and moved to Oropi, Tauranga.

- 5.9.1.1 Janet Ann HUMBERSTONE (b. 11 April 1961)
- 5.9.1.2 Susan June HUMBERSTONE (b. 12 October 1962)
- 5.9.1.3 Karen Mary HUMBERSTONE (b. 17 May 1965)
- 5.9.1.4 Tania Rose HUMBERSTONE (b. 12 November 1971)

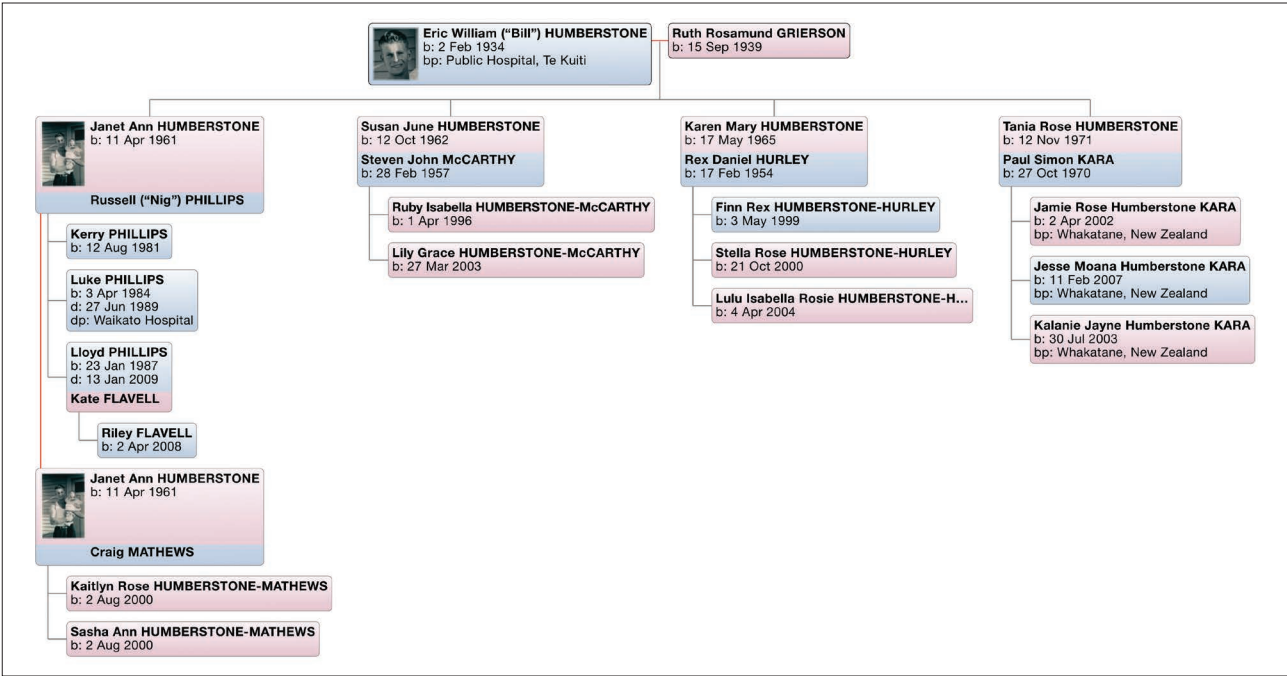


Figure 260: Descendants of Bill HUMBERSTONE (b. 1934) and Ruth GRIERSON (b. 1939).

# 5.9.2 RAY ERNEST HUMBERSTONE

(b. 6 JUNE 1944)

m. Patricia AVISON

5.9.2.1 Shane HUMBERSTONE (b. 1964)

5.9.2.2 Jody HUMBERSTONE (b. 1966)

## Notes from Raymond Ernest HUMBERSTONE (b. 6 June 1944)

My father was Pell William HUMBERSTONE (1899-1985) and my mother Mary Elizabeth HONE (18 August 1905-5 January 1995). I was born on 6 June 1944 at Te Kuiti Hospital as the youngest of four children, with one brother William (“Bill”) (b. 2 February 1934) and two sisters, Marie (d. 1973) and Shirley (later SINTON).

In 1944 we lived at Endean’s Mill, a few miles out of Waimiha.

In 1949 when I was five years old we moved to the Waipa Valley, 30 miles from Te Kuiti. My father worked in the mill and my mother ran a shop they owned, which was the only shop in the village at that time. We sold everything from six inch nails to mutton birds. I went to the Waipa Valley School which catered for children from Primer 1 to Standard Six (the equivalent of Form Two). There was only one teacher.

I remember being around six or seven and riding on a cow round the village. We had no electricity there and only a shared “party line” telephone. We did not own a vehicle of any kind.

Around 1953 when I was nine years old we moved to Te Kuiti where we lived at View Road. I started work in 1959 at the age of 15, at the cement works as a fitter and welder’s apprentice. I stayed there for four and a half years.

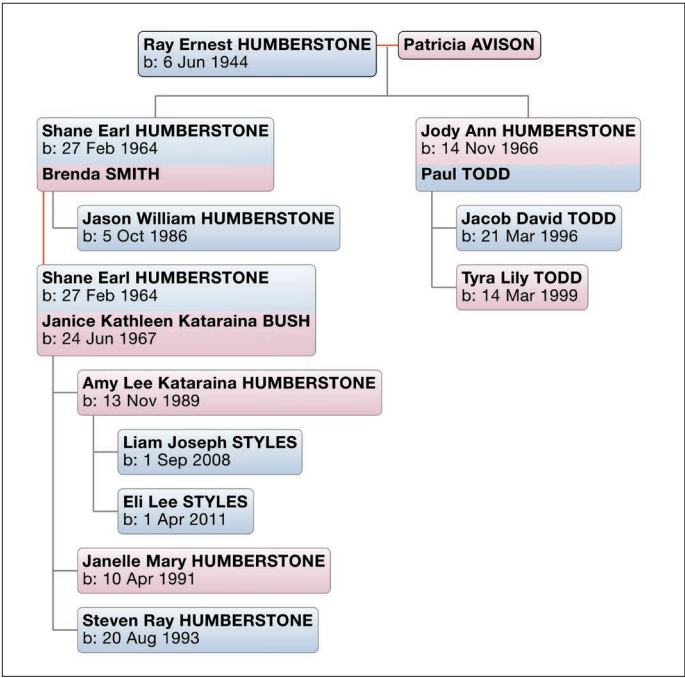


Figure 261: Descendants of Ray Ernest HUMBERSTONE (b. 1944) and Patricia AVISON.



m. Lily Riria TERE (b. 1951)

5.9.2.3 Rhonda May HUMBERSTONE (b. 21 January 1972)

5.9.2.4 Darren HUMBERSTONE (9 September 1973)

Then at the age of 19 I worked at HWM Engineering and my first marriage was to Patricia AVISON. We had two children, Shane (b. 1964) and Jody (b. 1966).

In my early 20s I worked in the native bush, bush felling, also shearing locally as well as in the South Island

In 1973 we moved to Tirau to work in the bush for PTY, logging pine, then I worked with Forest Products logging native trees. In 1979 I married for the second time to Lily RiriaTERE and had two more children Rhonda (b. 21 January 1972) and Darren (b. 9 September 1973).

In 1980 we moved to Putaruru still working in the bush, then in 1997 I became a lawn mowing contractor along with my son Darren, and that is what we are doing up to now (2013).

I currently (2013) have twelve grand-children and four great-grand-children.

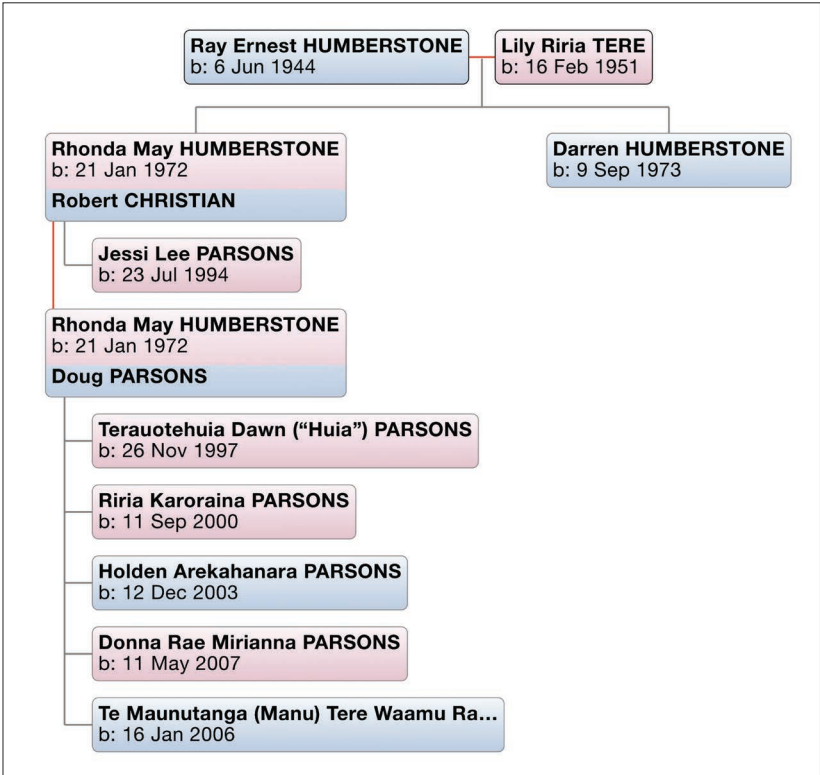


Figure 262: Descendants of Ray HUMBERSTONE (B. 1944) and Lily Riria TERE (b. 1951)

# 5.9.3 MARIE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1935 - d. 1973)

m. Eugene MORTENSEN

5.9.3.1 Colin MORTENSON

5.9.3.2 Carol MORTENSON



Figure 263: Marie HUMBERSTONE (d. 1973) in July 1967. (HB0154)

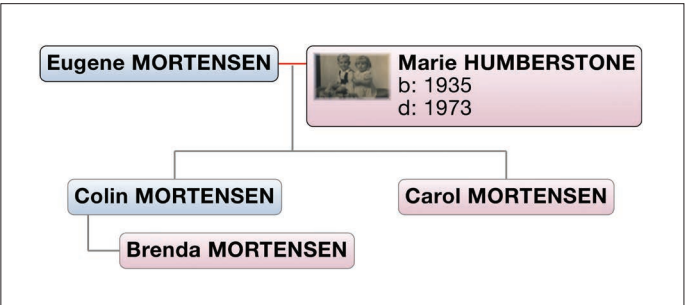


Figure 264: Descendants of Marie HUMBERSTONE (1935-1973) and Eugene MORTENSEN.

# 5.9.4 SHIRLEY ANN HUMBERSTONE

m. Neville SINTON

- 5.9.4.1 Amanda SINTON
- 5.9.4.2 Derek SINTON
- 5.9.4.3 Carey SINTON



Figure 265: Shirley Ann HUMBERSTONE (later SINTON) 1949. (HB0156)

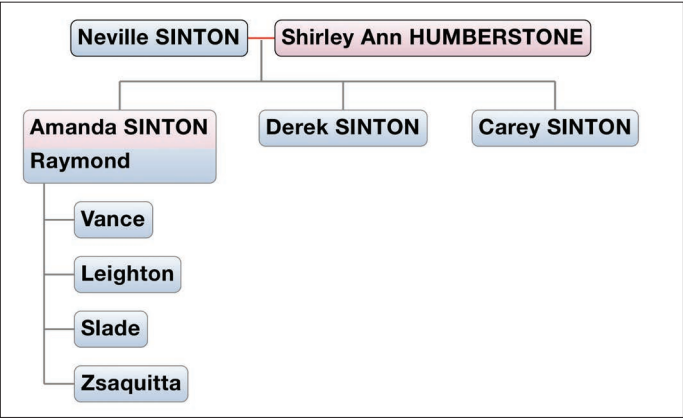


Figure 266: Descendants of Shirley Ann HUMBERSTONE and Neville SINTON.



BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

## CERTIFICATE of REGISTRY of BIRTH.

I, the undersigned, Do hereby Certify that the Birth of Pell William Humberstone  
born on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1899, has been duly Registered by me.

Witness my hand, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1899.

Thomasthaid } Registrar of  
Births and Deaths.

Bennington Sub-District.

[OVER]

London: Printed by Authority of the Registrar General, by Ford and Tait, 62, Long Acre.

Figure 267: English certificate of entry of birth for Pell William HUMBERSTONE (b. 13 May 1899), certificate dated 20 June 1899. (HBO157)

NEW ZEALAND.

8142 COPY OF REGISTER OF MARRIAGE BY REGISTRAR. [R.G.—12a.]

19 Marriage in the District of TE KUITI.

No.	When and where married. [Date, Description of Building, and Locality.]	Names and Surnames of the Parties.	Ages.	Rank or Profession.	Condition of Parties— 1. Bachelor or Spinster or as may be. 2. Widower or Widow. 3. Date of Decree of Nullity or Divorce.	Birthplace.	Residence. 1. Present. 2. Usual.	PARENTS.	
								1) Father's Name and Surname. 2) His Rank or Profession.	1) Mother's Name. 2) Her Maiden Surname.
2	24 <sup>th</sup> March, 1932  Registrar's Office, TE KUITI.	Pell William Humberstone  Mary Elizabeth Hone	32  26	bootmaker  waitress	1. bachelor  1. spinster 2. —	Old Lake, Boston, England  Waikato	1. Te Kuiti 2. Te Kuiti  1. Te Kuiti 2. Waikato	1. Alfred Humberstone 2. retired farmer  1. Albert John Hone 2. farmer	1. Elizabeth Ann Humberstone 2. Nash  1. Ida Marcella Hone 2. None

MARRIED, after the delivery to me of the Certificate required by the Marriage Act, 1908, by John Duncan Kerr, Registrar.

This Marriage was solemnized between us,  
Pell W. Humberstone In the presence of us,  
Mrs. Hone G. A. Morgan, married woman, Te Kuiti  
J. H. Hamlin, Ser. of Police, Te Kuiti

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of the entry in the Register-book of Marriages kept in my office.  
Given under my hand at TE KUITI, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1932.  
John Duncan Kerr Registrar.

(The fee for this certificate is half a crown.)

Figure 268: Marriage certificate of Pell William HUMBERSTONE (1899-1985) and Mary Elizabeth HONE (1905-1995) on 24th March 1932, Te Kuiti. (HBO158)



NEW ZEALAND.

CERTIFIED COPY of ENTRY in the REGISTER-BOOK of BIRTHS in the District of 

To Kuiti.

18890

[R.G. No. 3.]

No.	CHILD.			PARENTS.				INFORMANT.	REGISTRAR.	CHILD.
	1. When born. 2. Where born.	Christian or First Names (only).	Sex.	FATHER.	1. When Married. 2. Where Married. 3. Previous Issues of Existing Marriage. (a) Living—Age each Sex. (b) Dead—Number each Sex.	MOTHER.	1. Name and Surname. 2. Maiden Surname. 3. Age. 4. Birthplace.	1. Signature. 2. Description. 3. Residence. 4. If entry a correction of a former entry, Signatures of Witnesses attesting the same.	1. When registered. 2. Signature of Registrar.	Name, if added or altered after Registration of Birth.
				1. Name and Surname. 2. Rank or Profession. 3. Age. 4. Birthplace.						
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)	(10.)	(11.)
28	1) 2nd February 1934. 2) Public Hospital, To Kuiti.	Eric William	M.	1) Pell William Humberstone 2) Bootmaker 3) 34. 4) Boston, England	1) 24th March 1932 2) To Kuiti. 3) (a) M. — 3. — (b) — M.; 1 F.	1) Mary Elizabeth Humberstone 2) Home 3) 28. 4) Tairāhiki.	1) P. W. Humberstone 2) father 3) To Kuiti. 4) —	1) 3rd April, 1934. 2) Maurice H. O'Connell Deputy Registrar		

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of an entry of birth in the Register-book kept in my office.

Given under my hand\_\_\_\_\_at 

To Kuiti.

this 18th day of April, 1934.  

John Duncan Knox

Registrar.

[Fee payable: 2s. 6d. for ordinary copy; 5s. for copy under seal.]

Figure 269: Birth certificate of Eric William HUMBERSTONE (2 Feb 1934). (HB0159)

## 5.10 HANNAH (“NANCE”) HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1900 - d. 1978)

Hannah HUMBERSTONE was born in Seadyke House, Old Leake, Lincolnshire on the 29th September 1900. She preferred to be called “Nance” and that was how she was known in the family. When she was four and her parents were away collecting rent on properties they owned (probably in nearby Heckington) she was left at home with her older sister Kate (“Kit”) but Nance somehow fell into the fire and was badly burned, her left arm and the upper left of her body were scarred from the fire for the rest of her life. There was always a special bond between the two sisters, perhaps because of this event (see the double portrait of them below for example).

Nance came to New Zealand with the HUMBERSTONE family in 1914 aged 14 and went to school with the rest of the younger children at Wairere school (near Te Kuiti).

Nance is mentioned in Alfred HUMBERSTONE's letter of December 1918 to his soldier son Rufus during World War I as sitting nearby and singing (see pages 53-54 above).

Nance's health was an issue and she was not always totally well. One of the earliest photographs of Nance shows her with sister Biddy and nephew and niece Maurice and Phyllis FOUNTAIN (see page 112 above).

In 1928 Hannah was living at 233 Karangahape Road with her parents, who at that point had a fish shop, there was also a boot repair business adjacent. Her husband-to-be Colvin Richard (“Dick”) HARRIS was at that time living in the railway boarding house Opunake as a labourer (*Egmont general roll*).

Nance married Dick in 1932 in Auckland. In 1935 on the *Waimarino general roll* Hannah HARRIS is living at Hayward's (i.e. the Hayward Timber Company) Waimiha as a married woman, her husband Colvin Richard HARRIS is at the same location as a “bushman.”



Figure 270: Nance HUMBERSTONE (1900-1978) as a young girl (photo by Crown Studio, Te Kuiti). (HB0161)



Figure 271: Kate HUMBERSTONE (1890-1981) and sister Hannah ("Nance") HUMBERSTONE (1900-1979) (photo by G.F. Jenkinson, Hamilton who closed in 1925). (HB0081)

Bob CHESSUM remembers Dick HARRIS and Nance coming to live with them in Warkworth, staying in a tent when Dick was working for the power board in 1937, one night Dick had an argument and fist fight with their neighbour and the ensuing charges and court case saw Dick paid out of the power board's employment. One version of the events is that Dick had heard the neighbour beating his wife and Dick went to sort him out in the cowshed and struck him on the hand, the neighbour then came across to CHESSUM's to complain, Dick turned up carrying an axe. The police were called and a trial ensued. Dick was apparently known to be something of a "hop head" at times. On the night in question Bob CHESSUM had to go across to the neighbour's to finish the milking of the cows since the neighbour's hand was so injured.

In 1946 (*Parnell supplementary roll*) Colvin Richard HARRIS was living at 128 Khyber Pass Road, Parnell, Auckland but Hannah is not listed at the same place, instead on the *Parnell general roll* for that year she is listed as living at 215 Khyber Pass Road. After this there is no trace of Hannah or Colvin Richard HARRIS in the electoral rolls. Dick and Nance often shared accommodation with other HUMBERSTONE family members (staying for some time with Kate and Donald McDONALD at Waimiha and at Oratia).

During this time they both bred Irish Setter dogs, Jo and Les TATTERSFIELD had at least one of the dogs from their litters.

Nance was very friendly, social and liked to go out and dress well (see the 1948 picture - Figure 277 -

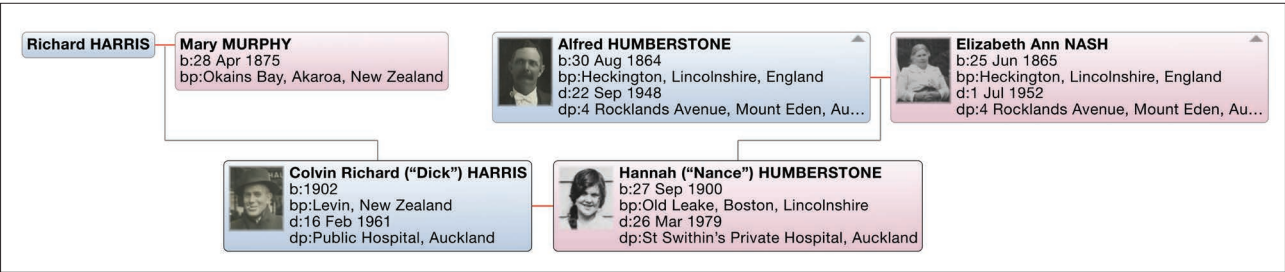


Figure 272: Parents of Nance HUMBERSTONE (1900-1979) and Dick HARRIS (1902-1979).



below of Nance with two of her nieces). Nance was also a smoker throughout her life.

Dick HARRIS died in 1961 in Auckland Public Hospital, his occupation on the death certificate is 'carpenter.' Nance eventually went to live with her sisters in the house purchased by Kate and Don McDONALD at 91 East Tamaki Road in 1960 (a sleep-out was built in the back yard because the house had only three bedrooms). Nance passed away on 26 March 1979 at St. Swithin's Private Hospital in Auckland.



Figure 273: Nance HUMBERSTONE (1900-1979) ("flapper with outhouse"). (HB0164)



Figure 274: Nance HUMBERSTONE with husband Dick HARRIS (d. 1961). (HB0165)

PAY No 3234

Subject to the provisions of the  
**APPROVED 7.3.44**  
 NATIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
 AUCKLAND  
 22094 B. J. Whiske Const.

**AUCKLAND NON-UNION  
 WATERSIDE WORKER**

Name HARRIS, C.R.  
 Address 28 King's parade Despt.  
 Levy Book No. 18275  
 District Manpower Officer Cy J. Ellis

I undertake to accept any labour offering.

Signed C.R. Harris  
 Date 7.3.44

This Pass is not valid until endorsed by  
 Police Authorities.

**NOT TRANSFERABLE**

Figure 275: Left: Identity card for CR HARRIS as an Auckland non-union waterside worker, dated 7 April 1944. (HB0162)



Figure 276: Left Nance HUMBERSTONE with tennis racket. (HB0163)





Figure 277: Nance HARRIS (1900-1979), with nieces Peggy CHESSUM (b. 1925) and Elizabeth MORGAN (b. 1928) at June HUMBERSTONE (1924-2012 and Alan RICHARDS' (1922-2013) wedding, 20 March 1948. (HB0286)


New Zealand Death Certificate		BDM 108
		DECEASED
First/given name(s) Surname/family name	Nancy Harris	
(If different from above) First/given name(s) at birth Surname/family name at birth	Hannah -	
Date of death	26 March 1979	
Place of death	Saint Swithin's Private Hospital Auckland	
Cause or causes of death (as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order)	Bronchopneumonia - 2 Weeks Generalised Debility - Months Advanced Cerebro Aterioclerosis - Years	
Name of certifying doctor	R N Frye	
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor	20 March 1979	
Sex	Female	
Age and date of birth	78 years 29 September 1900	
Place of birth	Lincolnshire England	
If not born in New Zealand number of years lived here	64	
Usual home address	59 Greenhaven Avenue Papakura	
Usual occupation, profession or job	Widow	
Date of burial or cremation	29 March 1979	
Place of burial or cremation	Papakura	
Age of each living daughter	-	
Age of each living son	-	
		PARENTS
MOTHER: First/given name(s) Surname/family name	Elizabeth Humberstone	
(If different from above) First/given name(s) at birth Surname/family name at birth	- Nash	
FATHER: First/given name(s) Surname/family name	Alfred Humberstone	
(If different from above) First/given name(s) at birth Surname/family name at birth	- -	
		RELATIONSHIP(S)
Relationship status at time of death	Not Recorded	
Relationship type	-	
Age of deceased at event	30	
Place of marriage/civil union	Auckland	
SPOUSE/ PARTNER: First/given name(s) Surname/family name	Colvin Richard Harris	
Sex	-	
Age (if living)	Not Recorded	
Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar		Registration Number 1979032453
Issued under the seal of the Registrar on 21 August 2013		
CAUTION - Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.		

Figure 278: Death certificate of Nance (Hannah), d. 20 March 1979. (HB0168)

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## 5.11 THOMAS JACK HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1905 - d. 1996)

Thomas Jack HUMBERSTONE was born on the 24th March 1905 in the HUMBERSTONE house (Seadyke house) in Old Leake, Lincolnshire. The third youngest of thirteen, Tom's oldest brother was already 20 when he was born. Tom was nine when the family left England to migrate to New Zealand; after arriving in New Zealand and like most of his siblings he did not leave New Zealand even once. On arrival (20th May 1914) he was soon enrolled in the school nearby at Wairere where the leased farm was located, the nearest settlement was Piopio, his older sisters (Kate and Gladys) were able to take up employment as teachers.

He left school early and worked on family farms, Kate McDONALD's diaries refer to him working on their block (far down Ongarue Stream Road) at Waimiha in the early 1920s. In 1928 he first appears in the

electoral rolls as a mill-hand at Endean's mill at Waimiha, his brother Ernest was employed in the same way at the same mill and brother Eric would work there in the 1940s once discharged from the army.<sup>1</sup>

The family worked the farm but diversified with older family members opening businesses locally (Pell opened a boot shop in Te Kuiti) or even in Auckland. Tom met his wife-to-be Dinah Maude DAVIS (1903-1971) in his parents' fish and chip shop at 233 Karangahape Road, Auckland and they were married in February 1930 in St. Matthew-in-the-city Church (Federal Street), Auckland, which Dinah attended and where she was also a Sunday school teacher (see Figure 284 below).

On their marriage certificate Tom gave his address as Waimiha. They did not have a great deal of money and this was the beginning of the Depression, they travelled almost immediately down to live in Waimiha where Tom was working. Their first child Diana was born then in Te Kuiti hospital. Around 1933 the family moved to Ohaupo where Tom took up work at the Ohaupo Railway Station.



*Figure 280: Thomas HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) with younger brother Eric (1907-1983) and an unknown dog, Lincolnshire, England prior to 1914. (HB0171)*

<sup>1</sup> A Nancy HUMBERSTONE is listed as working at Endean's Mill (Waimiha) in the *Waimarino supplementary roll* but it is not clear if this is Tom's sister Hannah (who used the name Nance most of her life).





Figure 281: Form 2 certificate of competency for Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) dated 1935. (HB0225)

Dinah Maude DAVIS (1903-1971) was born in Bathurst (New South Wales) where her New Zealand-born father was working as a boot salesman, the family returned to New Zealand in 1908. Dinah's mother Selena Emmeline BANKS had been born in Bendigo. Dinah saw Halley's comet from Dunedin in 1910 and remembered that people thought the end of world was near. A staunch National Party supporter she made sure to vote in each election and was often collected and delivered to the polling booth by the National Party. She was very fond of children and when her own sizeable family began to disperse she happily took in many more to look after temporarily or longer term. Dinah remained in contact with her Australian relatives (from her mother's side) and used to read the Australian *Post* magazine regularly.

In the 1935 *Raglan general roll* Tom is listed as living in Ohaupo as a railway employee, however Dinah does not appear in the same electoral roll. In the 1938, 1946 and 1949 *Waikato general roll* though both appear, listing Station Road, Ohaupo as their address (the land they owned was at the corner of Station Road and Great Burke Street). They had purchased the land with assistance from Dinah's older sister Florence DAVIS.

The family continued to grow and lived on two and a half acres of land in Great Burke Street (at that time there were no street numbers). The youngest child was Terrence ("Terry") James HUMBERSTONE (1945-2012) born while they lived in Ohaupo.

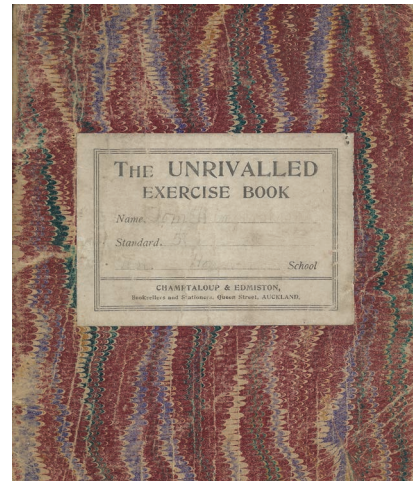


Figure 282: Cover of homework exercise book of Tom HUMBERSTONE, typical of the 1910s the cover is made from marbled cardboard. (HB0172)



Figure 283: Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) and sister Josie (1908-1956). (HB0358)



*Figure 284: Dinah  
Maude DAVIS  
(1904-1971) and Tom  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1905-1996) married  
on 12 February 1930 in  
Auckland. (HB0173)*

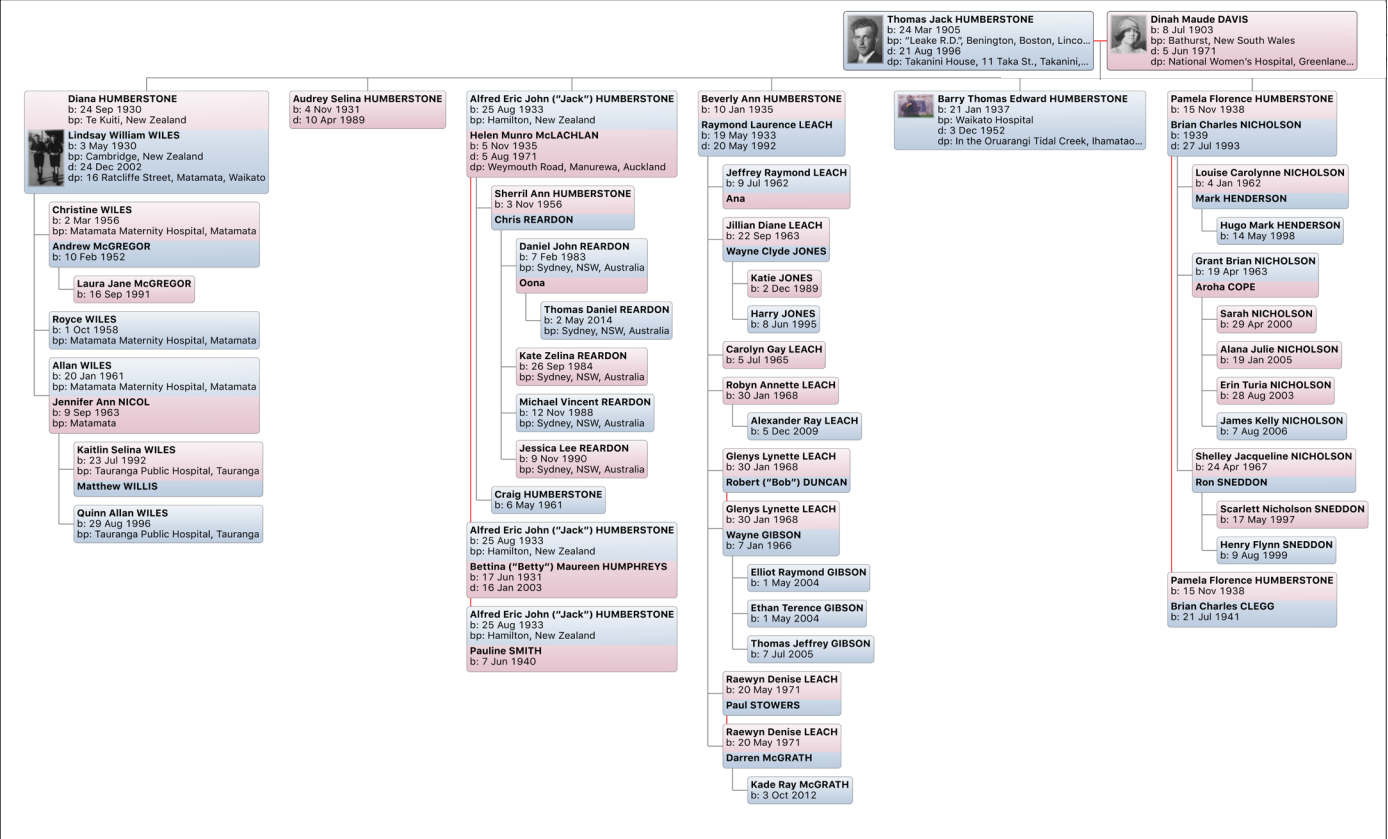


Figure 285: Descendants of Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) and Dinah Maude DAVIS (1903-1971).



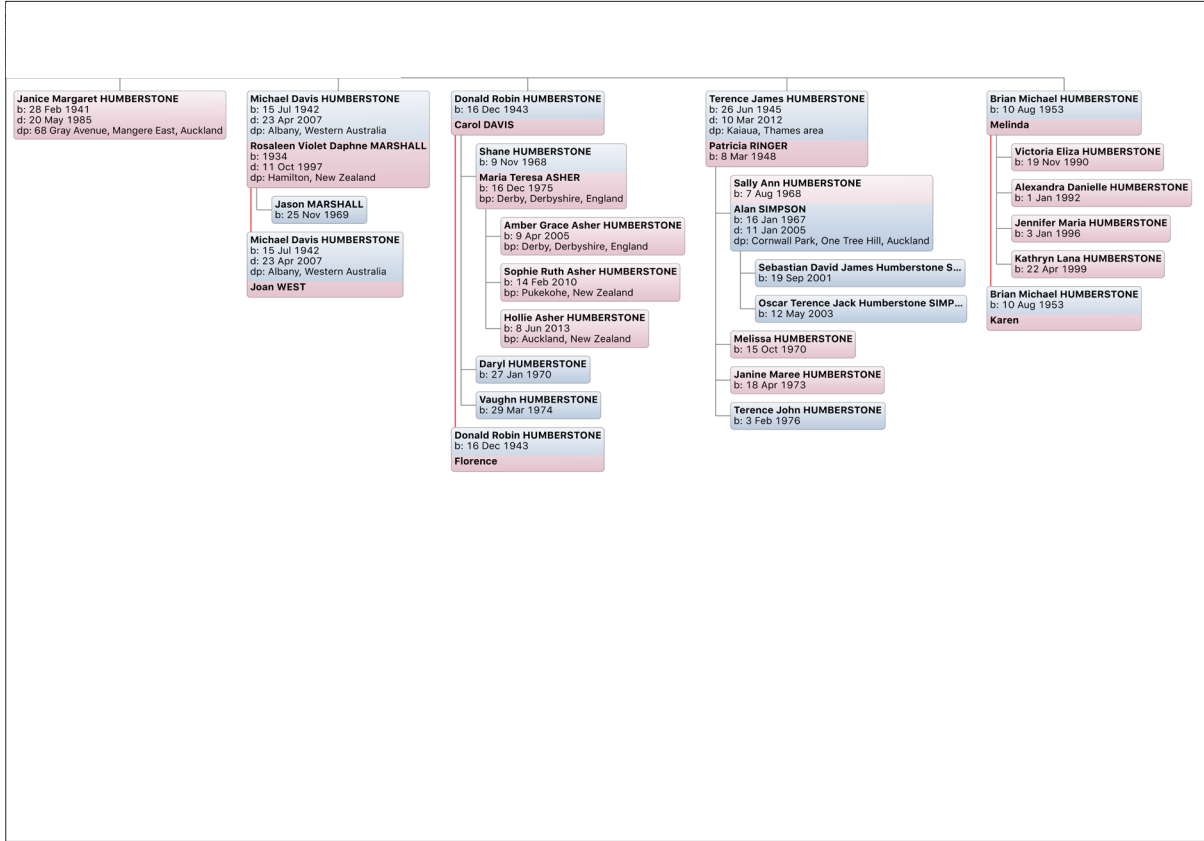




Figure 286: House of Tom HUMBERSTONE and Dinah Maude DAVIS in Great Burke Street, Ohaupo 1951 (photo taken by Diana HUMBERSTONE). (HB0176)

The couple purchased land in Great Burke Street with a small house already on site (see Figure 286). Behind the four-roomed house were paddocks and a milch cow and vegetable gardens were soon producing, with occasional work for the growing family either weeding, watering the plants or pumping water from the bore. With more children arriving an extra room had to be built onto the western side of the house (beside the verandah), this is visible in the 1951 photo of the house. It was used by Diana and Audrey HUMBERSTONE. The kitchen was at the back of the house as was a large plum tree.

The family stayed in Ohaupo until 1951 when Tom took up work on the wharves at about the time of the wharf strike in 1951 and the family moved to a large old farm house at 68 Gray Avenue, Mangere East (“Ardwell”), across the railway lines from the future site of Middlemore Hospital. On the land surrounding the old house there was soon once again a sizeable vegetable garden, chooks and fruit trees to contribute to the family table.

The *Otago general roll* lists both Tom and Dinah in 1954, 1957, 1963 and 1969 showing them both at that address, Tom’s occupation is shown as “cargo worker.” With the children growing older, going out to work, marrying off the large house was a frequent scene of large family gatherings, with new grandchildren arriving as well. In the mid-1960s Tom and Dinah sold off most of the land around the house for new subdivisions, this meant sacrificing the large vegetable garden and tolerating neighbours living next door for the first time in many decades. Dinah missed having young children about the house and so provided a welcome home to a number of temporary and long term children from outside who needed a place to stay. Dinah died in 1971 of cancer and Tom lived for many years in the same house with two of his daughters, Audrey Selina HUMBERSTONE (1939-1989) and Janice Margaret HUMBERSTONE (1941-1985).

Following a car accident in 1965 Tom eventually had had his right leg amputated below the knee and used an artificial leg after that. He took up what he termed “fancy work” or embroidery and made dozens of finely worked table or supper cloths, one for each of his children and for some of the grandchildren. Each of the cloths took hundreds of hours and all were immaculately done with great precision. His daughter Audrey would then crochet around each one.

Mr. J. T. Humberstone,  
IN ACCOUNT WITH:  
Mr. B. Woodfellow.

To purchase price of Ohaupo property	175	-	-	-
By deposit paid to Mr. Boyes			20	-
" proportion of rates (£2/6/6 per annum paid to 31/3/53 to the Waikato County Council) from 1/4/53 to 31/10/53 the Purchaser to pay the whole year's rates			1	- 3
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By balance			154	- 7
	£175	- 10	£175	- 10
To balance		£154	- 7	

No apportionment of rent payable by purchaser because of provision in agreement. No apportionment of rent payable by tenant Hamilton because Mr. Boyes will collect from Hamilton all rent payable by him up to 25th October 1953.

B. & O. B.

14th OCTOBER 1953

Rates for current year, £3-0-6 payable by J. T. Humberstone.

Figure 287: Account for the purchase of house and land in Ohaupo (Oct. 1948) for £175. (HB0174)

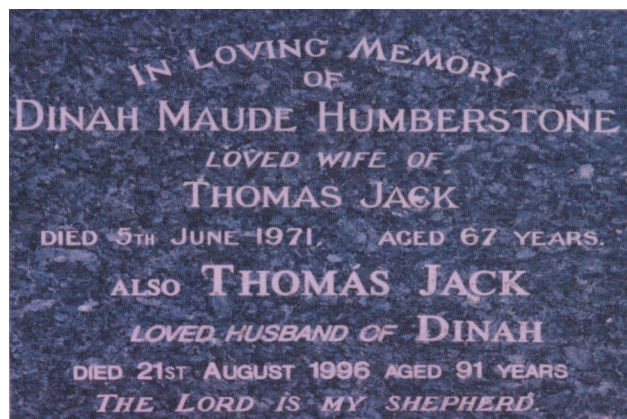


Figure 288: Joint gravestone of Dinah Maude DAVIS and Thomas Jack HUMBERSTONE in Otahuhu Public Cemetery. (HB0177)

Tom eventually decided to move out and the two daughters purchased the house in Gray Avenue from him. Tom went on to marry a second time Olwyn GILLIES, sadly she died before him. Tom lived for a number of years in a retirement village before spending his last years in a number of rest homes. A smoker till the last he was keen always keen on family information and it is he who preserved the diaries of his sister Kate HUMBERSTONE (1890-1981). He was also an inveterate attender of auctions and brought and sold all manner of antiques and older objects.

What follows are accounts of family life provided by descendents of Tom and Dinah.

## 5.11.1 DIANA HUMBERSTONE

(b. 24 SEPTEMBER 1930)

m. Lindsay William WILES (1930-2002)

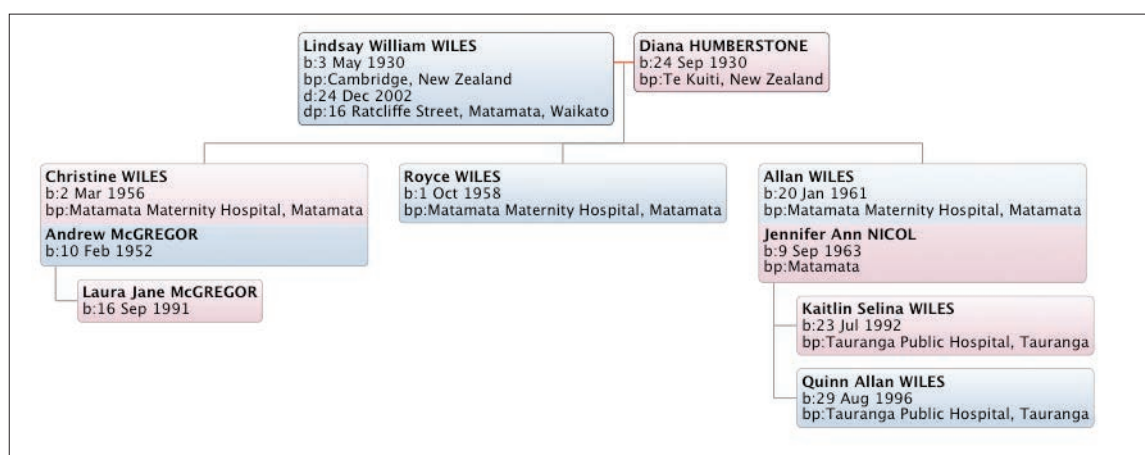


Figure 289: Descendants of Diana HUMBERSTONE (b. 1930) and Lin WILES (1930-2002).



I am the eldest of Tom and Dinah HUMBERSTONE's children, I was born in Te Kuiti hospital on 24th September 1930. We shifted to Ohaupo when I was about three years old. I attended Sunday School and Primary School up to Standard 6 (now Form 2).

After Primary School I went to Hamilton High School which was co-ed whilst I was there but it is now Hamilton Girls' High. First of all we went by train to Frankton and walked from there to school, but later went by bus and had to catch a bus home from Garden Place before it was a pedestrian mall. Whilst at primary school we all walked about a mile to school (with instructions from Mum never to accept any car rides offered).

My sister Audrey and I earned some pocket money by sweeping out the school after classes. We also went to Sunday School at the Christ Church (Anglican) on a Tuesday as that was the only day the clergy could come. I remember VE day when we were released from classes and joined the masses in Victoria Street, Hamilton. When I was 17 my mother got me a job in the Ohaupo Post Office because I had grizzled about attending school.

I mostly worked in the telephone exchange starting early at 5 AM and on the late-shift finishing at 11 PM. We had to do all parts of the work there, counters, mail sorting, even using the telegraph machine using Morse Code which I remembered all my life. Mail had to be sorted and bagged and then delivered to the Ohaupo Railway Station to go on the train to Frankton. I remember one day, Wednesday 25th August 1948, whilst taking the mail down Great Burke Street to the station I saw very black clouds northwards and this was the tornado that hit Frankton on that day.

When I was about 19, I met my husband to be Lin WILES at the local pictures that were held in the Ohaupo Hall. Also at this time I had accepted a temporary transfer to work out of Wellington Post and Telegraph Office, Stout Street. I boarded with my Aunt Josie and Uncle Les TATTERSFIELD and their three year old daughter Claudia at 8 Buller Street. I was there for six months and then went back to Ohaupo and the Post Office.

The family shifted to Mangere East in 1951 (68 Gray Avenue) and I also got a transfer to the Otahuhu Post

Office and from there transferred to Wellesley Street Exchange Post and Telegraph. I rode a bike to work at Otahuhu but caught a bus and train in to Wellesley Street. On shift work I once fell asleep on the train and it passed Middlemore Station and I had to walk back from Papatoetoe after midnight.

Lin and I were engaged in 1952 and soon after he went into the army and off to Korea for three years. We married in 23rd April 1955 at St Matthews-in-the-City and the reception was at Sorrento (One Tree Hill). We first of all went to live at Piarere, Hinuera and then back to Piarere in farm cottages. Lin was a truck driver.

Daughter Christine was born whilst we lived at Hinuera and Royce whilst we were at Piarere and Allan when we were living in Tirau waiting for our new house in Matamata (16 Ratcliffe Street) to be built. With encouragement from Lin's mother and a push from my friend Muriel Stewart I got my driving licence in 1958. All three children were born in the Matamata Maternity Home which is nowadays Country Lodge. After we shifted to Matamata in 1961 I joined various groups beginning with the ones that children were involved in. I enjoy meeting people and have always been civic-minded so I have helped many groups as well.

I started travelling in 1967 going with Lin to Australia plenty of times whilst he was playing darts for the RSA. In 1983 I started travelling further afield and have been through the international airport 56 times visiting 59 countries, sometimes alone and other times with friends.

Since Lin died in 2002 I have remained in the same house and have managed to do the outside work (reluctantly) and keep the inside tidy as well. I still have contact with friends whom I went to school with and worked with.

I like writing letters and so keep in contact with at least one member of each of my mother's and father's siblings. Other interests are reading and doing craft and embroidery. I have three grandchildren, Laura McGREGOR, Kaitlin WILES and Quinn WILES.

## 5.11.2 AUDREY SELINA HUMBERSTONE

(b. 4 NOVEMBER 1931 - d. 10 APRIL 1989)

By Diana HUMBERSTONE, August 2013

When Audrey commenced work she was employed in Hamilton and was working at what was then called Social Security, now called either WINZ or Social Services. She worked with them all her life—after 1951 at the Auckland Office.

Not sure whether she enjoyed cooking or gardening but she was very good at both and did a lot of these, both at her home and she also kept the gardens at Massey House and the church at Mangere East under control. She was very involved with the church and the Girl Guides. She didn't learn to drive until she was 56. She had a bit of trauma with the car as her house in Gray Avenue was broken into and her car keys stolen and then subsequently her car. The car was later found at the Auckland Airport.

She loved being involved with all the nieces and nephews plus other friends' children. She did a lot of crotcheting and handcrafts and loved photographing any family event, much to the chagrin of the children but these photos and movies are much appreciated today (the movies have been converted from super 8 to digital format).



*Figure 290: Audrey HUMBERSTONE (1931-1989) in the backyard of the Ohaupo house, 1951. (HB0178)*

## 5.11.3 ALFRED ERIC JOHN (“JACK”) HUMBERSTONE

(b. 25 AUGUST 1933)

### Growing up in Ohaupo: notes from Jack HUMBERSTONE

During the Second World War we were told by our parents (Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) and Dinah Maude DAVIS (1903-1971)) that the Japanese were coming, so my brother and I decided to build an air raid shelter. In the top paddock behind the house we dug out a deep hole, and then we covered it over with an old corrugated water tank. For camouflage we covered it in heaps of grass. The only provisions we had at the time were two packets of Minties (lollies).

At the same time all our windows at night had to be covered with blackout curtains, so that no light showed outside, to any enemy aircraft. I would go up to the local hotel car park and watch the home guard (just like Dad's Army) practicing with wooden guns, to protect us from the enemy. One night one of the farmers bought his shotgun and accidentally shot out the hotel sign. Gave us all a heck of a fright.

One night Dad told us that a trainload of Japanese prisoners of war were coming through our railway station, so we went down and threw stones at the carriages. They were on their way to Featherstone, near Palmerston North, to a camp.

Because no one was allowed to have any alcohol in the local hall, all the men used to hide their beer around the hall, and slip out every now and then for a drink. My brother Barry and I early on Sunday morning after the dance the night before, would take our old trolley and find these hiding places and collect all the empty beer bottles, when we had a good sized stockpile, we would take the empty beer bottles back to the hotel and sell them for one penny each (1 cent).

After we had finished collecting our empty bottles, we would climb in the supper room window, which



*Figure 291: Donald MCDONALD (1892-1969), Kate MCDONALD (née HUMBERSTONE) (1890-1991), with their nephews Jack HUMBERSTONE (b. 1933) and Barry HUMBERSTONE (1937-1952) on the steps (most probably of the McDonald's house at Waimiha). (HB0179)*



was downstairs in the local hall, and have a feed of left overs from supper, from the night before's dance. Dad used to take us along the railway line to pick blackberries. We would go out to "Grandma" Jackson's and pick gooseberries, and she would pay us for doing it. She also gave us lunch after she chased all the hens out of the kitchen. Sometimes we went down to the railway drains to catch some eels. I would go bird-nesting all over Ohaupo. Dad and I would go and shoot a few rabbits, and Dad would take them up to the local hotel.

Now and then I would go up to the local bakehouse and watch the baker making the bread and sweet buns. Also I would often go on the bread round with Peter Halsey and Mr. Halsey and deliver the bread out in the country.

Once a month I would go up to the local hall and help to put up the screen for the picture shows, and also put the chairs out. The pictures would be shown from a caravan parked on the footpath, through the open doors of the hall. Some nights it would be freezing, later on some glass doors were fitted. Much better.

During the polio epidemic we were allowed to stand out on the footpath and watch the pictures, because children were not allowed to be in any crowds, we even had to stay home from school.



Figure 292: Example of an early Minties tin. (HB0180)

m. Helen Munro McLACHLAN (1935-1971)

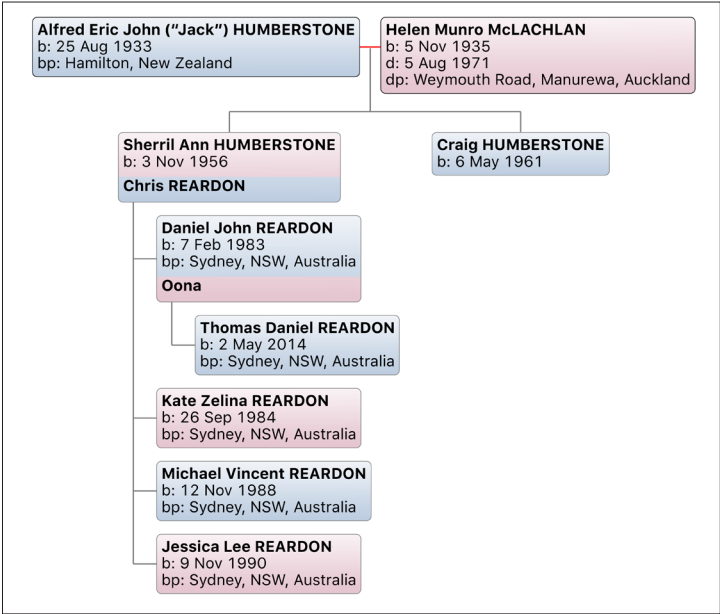


Figure 293: Descendents of Jack Humberstone (b. 1933) and Helen McLachlan (1935-1971).

m. Bettina ("Betty") Maureen HUMPHRIES (1931-2003)

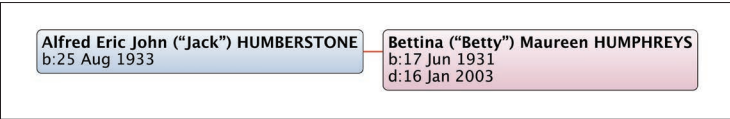


Figure 294: Jack HUMBERSTONE's second and third marriages.

m. Pauline SMITH (b. 1940)

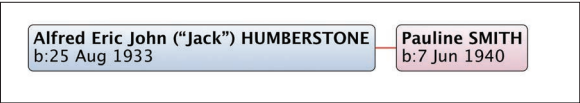


Figure 295: An early photo of the Ohaupo Railway Station. Tom HUMBERSTONE (1904-1996) started work there in 1933 (arriving from Te Kuiti). (Image © TeAwamutu Museum). (HBO181)

When Dad [Tom HUMBERSTONE (1904-1996)] was working down at the Ohaupo railway station I would go down and watch him working the big levers that changed the train tracks, sometimes he would let me work the levers. Dad used to keep that station spotless, all the brass would be sparkling.

Sometimes Dad and I would take the jigger and go up to Rukuhia to check the train tracks and bring back some ti-tree brush to cover up our pea plants, to stop the birds eating them all.

Another big night for our family was Guy Fawkes' night. we would start building the fire well before November 5th. Dad always built the guy and put blasting powder in the head, which made a big explosion when it went off. We always had Tom Thumbs, Jumping Jacks, Catherine Wheels, and Sky Rockets, as well as Sparklers.

Dad would make home brewed beer in a big wooden keg in the wash-house, Don Leggett and I would take a sip. Maybe that's why I don't like beer these days.

Dad and I built my first radio which was a crystal set with headphones. Everyone had to be quiet while we tried to get a sound out of it, which we did after much adjusting.

Over the road from us lived the Leggetts, they had an old motorbike and sidecar with no tyres on it. I used to go over there and we would run the engine on kerosene, because it was during the war and there was no spare petrol, and no tyres.

I did once chase my sisters Diana (b. 1930) and Audrey (1931-1989) around the place with a dead rat on a stick, and I also made some sulphuric acid and stunk the place out for a few days.

When I started my apprenticeship I built a test board and we tried it, the fuse on the power pole blew. Dad had to ring the power board man to come and fix it, because we had no power in the house. Dad said to me, "You better hide that test board of yours, in case the power board want to find out what had blown the pole fuse." I took it and hid it under my bed.

Sometimes at Christmas time Dad would tie a long string by my bed, and I would have to follow it to find my present.

Above our house was a big paddock, and once the circus came and set up in the paddock, which was just wonderful.

I used to mow the local grocer's lawns and he paid me 2/6d (25 cents), because he used his lawn as a putting green to practice his golf on, the lawn had to be perfect. Sometimes when Dad and I were milking the cows up in the baker's paddock, he would send me across to the local pub for a bottle of beer. I would go to the back door of the pub and asked for a bottle of beer for Tom.



*Figure 296: (L to R) Donald MCDONALD (1892-1969), unknown boy and Eric HUMBERSTONE, Barry HUMBERSTONE (1937-1952) and his brother Jack. (HBO182)*

For our water supply for the house we relied on either rain or the old windmill, which, depending on the wind would pump water out of the well. If all that failed the family would have to hand pump the water from the well. Not a very easy job. The day Dad bought an engine to do that job from Jack ASPLIN (1913-1994)<sup>2</sup> was a very happy day for all of us.

That is some of my memories from life in a family of ten children and Mum and Dad, living in the small country town of Ohaupo.

<sup>2</sup> Son of Walter Thomas ASPLIN (1883-1961) and Ethel Mary HUMBERSTONE (1886-1970).



## 5.11.4 BEVERLY ANN HUMBERSTONE

(b. 10 JANUARY 1935)

### Growing up in Ohaupo

I was born at Campbell-Johnson Ward of Waikato Hospital on January 10th 1935, the fourth child and third daughter of Tom and Dinah Humberstone.

Like Jack (my eldest brother) we wondered about what if the Japanese came. I knew there was not hope of all of us fitting in the trench that Jack and Barry were making so I didn't spend too much time worrying about that. Mum and Dad first thing in the morning would sit with ears glued to the radio listening for news of the war. I don't know that we children took too much notice. To us ration books with coupons for tea, sugar, butter and clothing which the women of the community would swap with each other were just another facet of our lives. When butter ran out we would have just one side of our bread (for our school lunches) buttered or, failing that, Mum would bring out the lard (ugh). When an American convoy rumbled through our township, if we were lucky enough to be on the side of the road, the soldiers would throw out sweets and gum. I marvelled at the shelves in Mrs Kemp's little shop, that were full of large glass lolly jars with nothing in them. When we were a little older, my older sisters Diana and Audrey could mind us, Mum and Dad would catch the bus in to Hamilton and stand in the sweet and tobacco queues, Dad would get a block of tobacco with little red and yellow tin seals on it and Mum would get a block of Heards' block toffee. We would gather round and she would bang the block with a knife handle and break it into bits for us to share.

Looking back on my childhood I wondered how Mum and Dad managed, but we were really almost self sufficient due to Dad's foresight. We had a cow, the laying hens produced well and it was the older children's job to wash the eggs and pack them into crates to send on the train to market. Every now and again Dad would purchase 100 day-old chicks. We had an electric 'brooder' and it was our job to make

sure they were all under the 'brooder' to keep them warm at night. Now and then Dad would kill a hen and one day I was horrified to see Dad chop the hen's head off and it continued to run around the yard for about 20 seconds minus its head. I don't think we ate the chicken, my brother told me that Dad used to swap it at the butcher's for sausages.

Our water came from a well and windmill (not working) on the property and it had to be handpumped, we older children and Dad were the pumpers. The water was stored in a corrugated iron tank. Mum would tap the tank with a broom handle and let us know when we had pumped the expected one or two rings of water into the tank. I know that sometimes Dad would spend nearly all night pumping a whole tankful of water, also if there was a full moon Dad would spend most of the night tending our large vegetable garden. He made us a lot of outdoor play equipment ("monkey bars", slides and a large swing out of an old door which could fit all of us at once). He would mend our shoes with "very expensive" greenhide leather. One Christmas for the "three little boys" as we called them, Dad made blue hand trolleys and I helped him hide them on the shed roof out of sight to make sure that the Christmas surprise was kept secret.

When Dad was working in the Ohaupo railway station on night shift we older ones were allowed to go down and play Monopoly and Strategy to help him pass the time.

As children we probably took a lot for granted. Our Mum was a very loving woman. Her family were her life and it showed. She asked little for herself. Imagine cooking meals for 12 hungry family members every day, not to mention mountains of washing and ironing. In the evenings we would gather in the kitchen (our living room) and Mum would always be there. I remember we would play "I spy", "Silence in the courthouse" and skipping games. Mum was a

good knitter and we would hold the skeins of wool while Mum rolled it into balls.

When Mum went into “the home” as it was called—to get the next addition to the family—Dad would look after us. I remember he would bake these big sugar buns and let us have grated apple and sugar sandwiches for our school lunches. I remember for breakfast he would have a huge frying pan full of eggs and as he spooned the fat over them they changed colour from yellow (raw) to pink (cooked), to me it was like a miracle.

I left Ohaupo when I was 16 years old, after three and a half years of schooling at Hamilton High School. I knew fairly early in life I would like to be a nurse. Mum and Dad said I was to take commercial studies and get a good job in an office. I knew that all I needed

to be a nurse was two years secondary education. So after a few months of finishing my fourth year at Otahuhu College I walked into Middlemore Hospital and got a job as a nurse-aid. I was not yet 17 years old. Twelve months later I started my general nurse training. Six months after graduation I took my maternity training at Pukekohe Hospital, a six month course and six months after that I took my midwifery training at St Helen’s Hospital in Wellington, another six month course. I returned to Auckland and spent twelve months as a midwife at North Shore Hospital. I was married in 1960 to Ray Leach and had one son and five daughters. We lived in Otahuhu in Ray’s family home until Ray died in 1992. In 2012 I bought an independent villa in a retirement village in Manurewa.

m. Raymond Laurence LEACH (1933-1992)

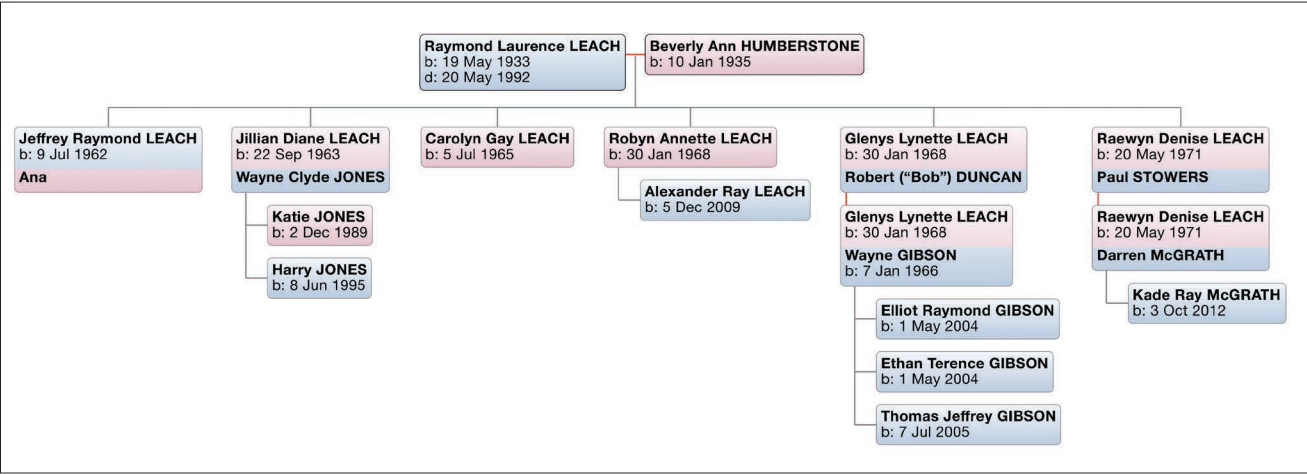


Figure 297: Descendents of Beverly HUMBERSTONE (b. 1935) and Ray LEACH (1933-1992).

## 5.11.5 BARRY THOMAS EDWARD HUMBERSTONE

(b. 21 JANUARY 1937 - d. 3 DECEMBER 1952)

Barry went to primary school in Ohaupo and then to Otahuhu College after the family moved to Mangere East in 1951. He was keen to join the Air Force and was in the Air Cadets at the College. I'm not sure if it was true that he needed to be able to swim to join the Air Force but he and some mates went to the Oruarangi Tidal Creek Ihumatao to practice swimming and he very sadly drowned there in December 1952 (aged just 15). Whilst in Ohaupo he had been quite good at table tennis and at least once won a trophy. He and his older brother Jack went on holidays to stay with Auntie Kate and Uncle Don McDonald on their farm at Waimiha. (Diana HUMBERSTONE, September 2013).

## 5.11.6 PAMELA FLORENCE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 15 NOVEMBER 1938)

My first recalled memories of my existence are from November 1942 when we lived in Ohaupo. I remember this period of time as it was my fourth birthday and my younger brother Michael was in hospital (or going to hospital) to have a mastoid drained from his ear. Mum (Dinah Maude) had arranged a birthday cake for me and I remember so well the pastel colours of the sweet pea flowers that decorated it. Mum obviously had more important issues to deal with but I do remember feeling so special that she had arranged the cake.

My younger sister Janice and I were only two years and three months apart so grew up being close and when Janice started school I was directed to look after her and make sure that she was not bullied or in any trouble. I did look after her as well as I could but by that time I was in the Standard classes and she was a little Primer so I possibly left her to her

own devices most of the time whilst I played with the bigger kids.

When Janice was chosen to be involved in the Ohaupo Queen Carnival which was a big event for our little town, I was so jealous that I hadn't been picked. I remember crying to Mum that it wasn't fair and do you know what, the other little girl who was to be an attendant with Janice became ill with polio (I think) and so I was her replacement. Imagine my joy when I was trying on the beautiful long dress and squeezing my feet into the lovely shoes. I was bigger than the other girl but there was no way I wasn't going to force my feet into those shoes! This was a momentous occasion for me and I remember sitting on the stage whilst the photos were being taken and feeling like a movie star. Whatever happened to that dress. I probably never wore it again or it may have gone back to the little girl who had become sick.

m. Brian Charles NICHOLSON (1939-1993)

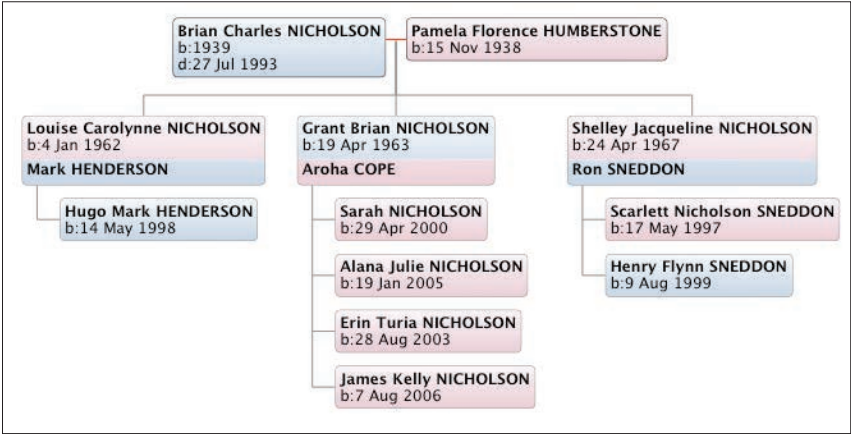


Figure 298: Descendents of Pamela HUMBERSTONE (b. 1938) and Brian NICHOLSON (1939-1993).

I had some happy days at the Ohaupo Primary School but one not so happy occasion was when I and a couple of other friends (aged about 10 years old) decided to peep through a keyhole in the door of the Art Supplies room and tried in vain to see if we could see anything of interest whilst one of the teachers was changing into gym gear. The other girls heard someone coming and raced off leaving me on my own to face the music. I was in Standard 3 or 4 at the time, the teacher who was changing was also our teacher (Mr Stanton if I am allowed to name names) and I was made to stand up in the front of the class and given the strap, one on each hand. There was no reason given and the rest of the class didn't know what it was for but I certainly knew. In those days, if there was any punishment to be dealt out it was usually handed out by the Infant Mistress but not on this occasion, boy it hurt. I must have learnt my lesson because I was never in any further trouble at school.

In fact, I had a huge school girl crush on Mr Wilkinson, another teacher. I used to do a little message for him each morning. He had asked me to fetch a loaf of brown bread from the bakery or shop before I caught the bus and bring it to school for him and I used to feel so special with this important job allocated to me. I was sure he had chosen me because of my blonde plaits and in my imagination this was a source of his interest in me. Every time I saw him in the playground or elsewhere I used to blush furiously but it all ended

when my parents decided to move to Auckland in the early 1950s and I had to leave the school. But the story doesn't quite finish there. On my last day at school he gave me a box of Winning Post chocolates (surely a token of his caring for me!) to share with the others and I opened these on the long bus ride up to Auckland and consequently Janice and I had to stop the bus several times because one or other of us was sick with too much chocolate. So much for Mr Wilkinson.

I wanted to stay in Ohaupo and finish my last year at junior school. My girlfriend Janis had asked her parents if I could board with them until the end of the year and they had agreed. Mum and Dad had other ideas and I went to Auckland with the others. I was never bullied at school and loved going. In fact, I had a friend who was also called Pamela and she used to carry me around, look after me and make sure everything was OK. We both had nicknames; hers was Sambo and mine was Shorty and she was a big girl.

My father was an incredible worker and always made a big effort for us kids at Guy Fawkes and Christmas. He also worked on the Church Committee and I remember on one occasion where the Christmas tree from our place was rolled up on a trolley with castors to either the Hall or Church for the Christmas festivities. How proud I used to be of Dad and the great Guy Fawkes evenings he would organise.



The terrible period of the polio epidemic is still clearly in my mind as Dad had set up a table outside for correspondence school to be done so there was no getting out of doing it and passing it in. The selfishness of youth was evident when one of our Church Christmas Parties was cancelled because a little girl from our Parish had contracted polio and all public events were cancelled. I remember being furious over this and probably performed accordingly.

Janice and I and the three younger brothers seem to have had a great childhood as I remember Audrey, older sister, taking us several times to the Waikato Winter Show, having our photos taken, new dresses for special occasions, friends over to play but never to stay, full access to the huge vegetable garden Dad had toiled over, fruit trees to climb and eat half ripened fruit from.

Dad worked on the railways and was able to get concession trips to Auckland for us. Janice and I would come up to Auckland and stay with our Auntie Flor Davis (Mum's sister) in Herne Bay. We would be taken to some of the shows in His Majesty's Theatre and I remember on one particular holiday I insisted on wearing a new straw hat that Audrey had decorated for Christmas. Auntie Flor was not perturbed by her niece's insistence and I was allowed to wear it. Remember I was only about 11. I remember the show was *Annie get your gun* and we used to sit right up in the 'gods.' We used to catch the trolley bus into the city and I never wanted to come back home. In fact there was one time when we did return back to Ohaupo earlier than expected and I was upset because we had missed the Auckland Birthday celebrations. I moaned and complained to Mum and as a result, Dad got further concessions and Janice and I went back to Herne Bay to enjoy the Anniversary Day celebrations.

When we came to Auckland permanently I was very unhappy. We moved up around August 1951 and I had to finish school at Papatoetoe Intermediate School. I had no uniform and Mum was certainly not going to buy me one for such a short term as the next year I was to attend Otahuhu College. I had a lot of teasing to endure at Intermediate School because I had never been used to anything but Ohaupo Primary where we didn't have uniforms, or different teachers during the one day etc. I was teased because I used to wear black patent shoes with little straps on, smocked dresses and no hats. There was more than one occasion where I feigned a sore throat just so I didn't have to go to school and while I didn't fool mum, she certainly seemed to appreciate how I was feeling.

On re-reading this, it does appear that I used to use tears and emotion to get what I wanted and in most cases it worked. The other children in the family felt that I was Dad's pet and I was reminded of this on more than one occasion when perhaps punishment was being meted out and all Dad would say to me was "If you don't behave yourself, I'll cut off your long hair."

My schooling at Otahuhu College was uneventful and on leaving I wanted to work for a florist with the ultimate aim of having my own shop. There was no possibility of that happening and Dad accompanied me to job interviews on a couple of occasions. In fact when I was interviewed for the position as typist with Burroughs Ltd he managed to bump up the starting wage from £4 to £4/10 shillings.

My favourite working years were when I worked as Personal Assistant to Account Executives in Goldberg Advertising and thus begun my lasting interest in media, communication with people and of course commercial advertising. (Pamela HUMBERSTONE, October 2013)

m. Brian CLEGG

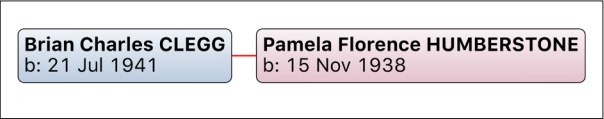


Figure 299: Marriage of Pamela HUMBERSTONE (b. 1938) and Brian CLEGG (b. 1941).

## 5.11.7 JANICE MARGARET HUMBERSTONE

(b. 28 FEBRUARY 1941 - d. 20 MAY 1985)

Janice was very studious at school and was Dux of Otahuhu College. Later after graduating from Auckland University she went school teaching at various places. Ones I remember were Mangere East and Tauhara near Taupo. Eventually she emigrated to Canada and taught over there, only coming back to New Zealand when her mother was gravely ill.

Later on she was an exchange teacher in Edinburgh Scotland. Whilst there she went to a Royal Garden Party and met Princess Margaret the Queen's sister. Back in New Zealand she contracted 'Tapanui Flu' and was never very well again healthwise.

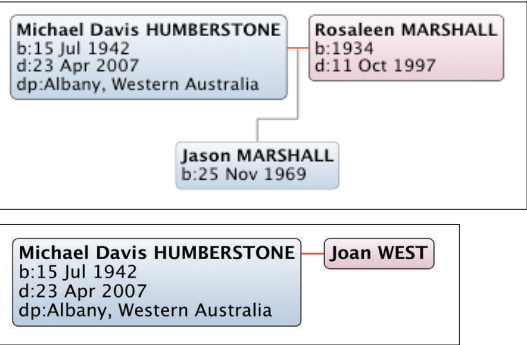
She enjoyed going skiing at Mount Ruapehu and took some of the nieces with her. She was very good at handcrafts. When children visited her at home in Gray Avenue, Mangere East (she lived with sister Audrey) she was very strict but fair. If one of the children complained about another one, her stock answer was "What do you want me to do about it?" (Diana HUMBERSTONE, August 2013)

# 5.11.8 MICHAEL DAVIS HUMBERSTONE

(b. 15 JULY 1942 - d. 23 APRIL 2007)

m. Rosaleen MARSHALL (1934-1997)

m. Joan West



MICHAEL had a nice singing voice, but was a bit of a harum-scarum sometimes. He trained to be a butcher and married Rosaleen MARSHALL, they had a son Jason; Michael later married Joan WEST. He went off to live and work in Australia and was not very good at keeping in touch, but would always phone one of his sisters on Christmas Day. Michael worked at Kalgoorlie Gold Mines in Western Australia (WA) and lived with partner Val there for many years. Her children thought the world of him. We all lost track of him for a while then and he worked and lived as a stable hand in Albany WA. He died there suddenly of a heart attack in April 2007. (Diana HUMBERSTONE, September 2013)

Figure 300: Marriages of Michael HUMBERSTONE (1942-2007).

# 5.11.9 DONALD ROBIN HUMBERSTONE

(b. 16 DECEMBER 1943)

m. Carol DAVIS

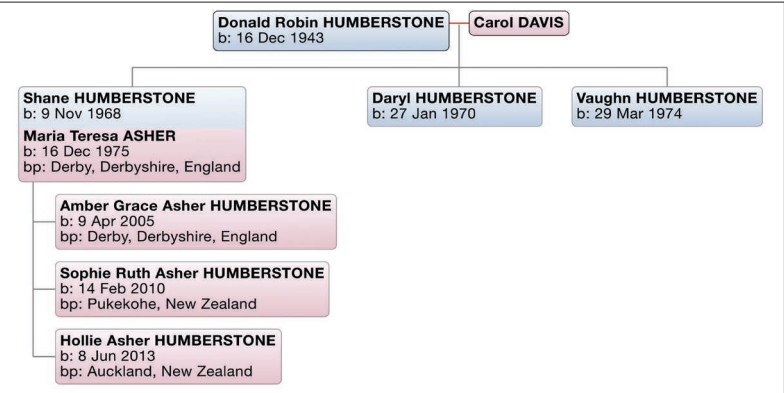


Figure 301: Descendants of Robin HUMBERSTONE (b. 1943) and Carol DAVIS.

Robin after being educated at Ohaupo School and Mangere East Primary School went to Otahuhu College and then took up an apprenticeship to be a plumber. He worked at this in various countries (Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu) as well as in New Zealand. He married Carol Davis (no relation to his mother's clan) and they had three sons Shane, Daryl and Vaughn. Robin and Carol had a house built in Manurewa but after the divorce Robin went overseas.

Whilst working in Vanuatu in 2012 there was a work accident and from a cut to his arm he contracted a flesh eating infection and had to be flown back to N.Z. He spent about two months in Middlemore Hospital being treated. After this could no longer work full-time. He also has a house in Fiji with his second wife from there and lives part-time in Fiji. He has three grand-daughters Amber, Sophie and Hollie. (Diana HUMBERSTONE, September 2013)

### **Growing up as a Humberstone by Shane HUMBERSTONE (b. 1968)**

When Auntie Diana first approached me to write down a few words about some of my memories growing up as a HUMBERSTONE, my initial reaction was "Where do I begin?" I have so many happy memories of a time when the only care I had in the world was what I was going to get for Christmas. Then there was Granddad, who at the time seemed to be the centre of the Humberstone universe, and I guess he was especially at Christmas time.

My most vivid memory growing up as a Humberstone centered around this time, when as a family on Christmas morning and in our Sunday best, we would all pile into Dad's '65 Fairlane, first to see Nanna (mum's side of the family), and then make our way across town to Ardwell (Gray Avenue, Mangere East). As soon as we pulled into the driveway there was a hive of activity with kids running around everywhere and cars lined up and down the street. Inside the grand old villa the kitchen would be a dangerous place to loiter, especially when Auntie Audrey was in charge.

I was always being ushered out with a warning not to get in the way. By this time I always had managed to lose Mum and Dad and had ditched my little brother Daryl.

I have memories so clear that when I close my eyes I can see the oak-paneled ceilings, walls lined with polished china cabinets busting with silverware, delicate fine bone china tea sets, and Royal Crown Derby. I was only ever allowed to look and never too touch, probably with good reason.

The dining room to a little boy seemed such a huge room with its coloured glass windows spanning the width of the room and double French doors leading out to the veranda, where no doubt my father could be found, cigarette in one hand, Lion Red in the other, and then there was Granddad seated in his throne-like chair next to a huge Christmas tree, dressed in his best white string vest smelling of rolled tobacco. (August 2013)



# 5.11.10 TERENCE (“TERRY”) JAMES HUMBERSTONE

(b. 26 JUNE 1945 - d. 10 MARCH 2012)

m. Patricia RINGER (b. 1948)



Figure 301B: Descendents of Terry HUMBERSTONE (1945-2012) and Patricia RINGER (b. 1948).

Terry was the youngest of the ten children, he, Michael and Robin (known as the Three Musketeers) did not settle down well at Mangere East Primary School after leaving Ohaupo, but eventually all three learned a trade. Robin and Terry to be plumbers. Terry eventually married Pat RINGER (b. 1948) and they had three daughters Sally-Ann, Janine and Melissa and son Terence. Terry and Pat lived at Papakura for a while and then bought land in Kaiaua. There they had a few

animals as well as Terry working at his trade. He had two grandsons Sebastian and Oscar and he loved having them visit him. He also loved having barbecues and all the family were always invited to these and there seemed to be always a vehicle the children could ride around on. Another love of his was rugby and he took the children fishing in the Firth of Thames. (Diana HUMBERSTONE, September 2013)

# 5.11.11 BRIAN MICHAEL HUMBERSTONE

(b. 10 AUGUST 1953)  
m. Melinda

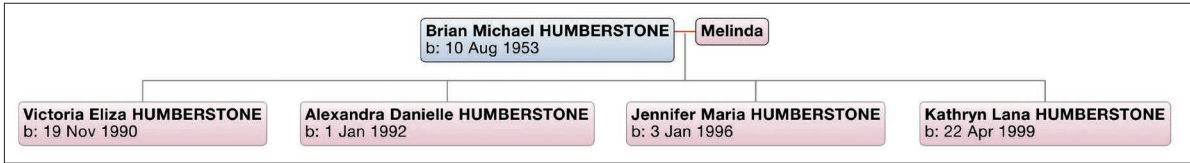


Figure 302: Descendants ofr Brian HUMBERSTONE (b. 1953) and Melinda.

Brian was welcomed into the family from outside and participated in all the family events as a fully-fledged member, he now lives in Australia devoted to his family.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number PA0 5336074F

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Boston

1905 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Beningthorpe in the County of Lincoln

No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
375	Twentyfourth March 1905 Leake R.D.	Thomas Jack	Boy	Alfred Humberstone	Elizabeth Ann Humberstone formerly Nash	Farmer	E. A. Humberstone Mother Leake	Eighth May 1905	Thomas Hand	Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.  
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 10th day of July 19 74

\*See note overleaf

BXA 058000

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Figure 303: Birth certificate of Thomas Jack ("Tom") HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996), family tradition says Tom was born in "Seadyke House", Seadyke Road, Old Leake, near Boston, Lincolnshire, England. (HB0183)

Nº 36529

R.G. 118NEW ZEALAND

Certified Copy of Entry of Marriage  
in the Registrar-General's Office

Number .. ..	A.3895	
When married .. ..	12 February 1930	
Where married and by whom married .. ..	St. Matthew's Church, Auckland	
	Bridegroom	Bride
Name and surname .. ..	Thomas Jack HUMBERSTONE	Dinah Maude DAVIS
Age .. .. .	24	26
Profession or occupation .. ..	Mill hand	-
Conjugal status (bachelor, spinster, widower, widow or divorced) .. .. .	Bachelor	Spinster
Birthplace .. .. .	Old Leake, England	Bathurst, New South Wales
Usual residence (in full) .. ..	Waimiha	Ponsonby
Name and surname of father	Alfred Humberstone	John William Davis
Profession or occupation of father .. .. .	Farmer	Sales Manager
Name and surname of mother	Elizabeth Ann Humberstone	Selina Emmeline Davis
Maiden surname of mother	Nash	Banks

Certified to be a true copy of the above particulars included in a marriage entry in the records of the Registrar-General's Office.

Given under the seal of the Registrar-General at Wellington,

this 8 day of December 19 76

The fee for this certificate  
is  
X\$2. -


CAUTION—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1908.

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Figure 304: Marriage certificate of Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) and Dinah DAVIS (1903-1971). (HB0184)

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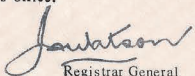
**BIRTHS** registered in the District of Bathurst at Bathurst,  
in the State, of New South Wales,  
by Glentworth Addison. District Registrar


COLUMN.	
1 Number in Register	19312. 506.
Child— 2 When and where born	8th July, 1903. 293 Lambert Street, Bathurst.
3 Christian name	Dinah Maude.
4 Sex	Female.
<b>Parents—</b>	
FATHER— 5 Christian name and surname, occupation of the father, age, and birthplace.	John William Davis. Boot Salesman. 37 years. Dunedin, New Zealand.
6 When and where married, previous issue living and deceased	21st August, 1897. Melbourne, Victoria. Florence, 3 years. Edward B. 1 year. Living. One Female Deceased.
MOTHER— 7 Christian name and maiden surname of the mother, age and birthplace.	Selina Emmeline Bank. 28 years. Bendigo, Victoria.
<b>Informant—</b> 8 Name, description and residence of informant.	John William Davis. Father. 293 Lambert Street, Bathurst.
<b>Witnesses—</b> 9 Doctor, nurse, or names of witnesses.	J. Brooke Moore. Nurse Lamb.
<b>Registrar—</b> 10 Signature of District Registrar. Date of Registration	G. Addison. Bathurst. 2nd September, 1903.
11 Name, if given after registration of birth.	-

I, Jack Hayward Watson, Registrar General for the State of New South Wales, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the particulars in an entry in a Register kept at the Registrar General's Office.

Dated 7th August, 1974.

Sydney, N.S.W. Australia


  
Registrar General



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Figure 305: Birth certificate of Dinah Maude DAVIS (1903-1971). (HB0185)





NEW ZEALAND

Death Certificate

BDM 108

Office Otahuhu District No. 1229 National No.

DECEASED

First or given name(s)  
Surname or family name

(If different from above) First or given name(s) at birth  
Surname or family name at birth

Date of death  
Place of death  
Cause or causes of death  
(as specified in doctor's certificate or coroner's order)

Name of certifying doctor  
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor

Sex  
Age and date of birth  
Place of birth  
Not born in New Zealand number of years lived here  
Usual home address

Usual occupation, profession or job  
Date of burial or cremation  
Place of burial or cremation  
Age of each daughter  
Age of each son

Thomas Jack  
Humberstone

-

21 August 1996  
Takanini House 11 Taka Street Takanini

Cardial arrest - minutes  
Congestive heart failure - year  
Atrial fibrillation - year

St T Choy  
20 August 1996

M  
91 24 March 1905  
Old Leake Lincolnshire England  
82  
Takanini House  
11 Taka Street Takanini  
Cargo Worker  
24 August 1996  
Otahuhu Public Cemetery  
65, 61, 57  
62, 53, 52, 51, 43

MOTHER: First or given name(s)  
Surname or family name  
(If different from above) First or given name(s) at birth  
Surname or family name at birth  
Occupation, profession or job

FATHER: First or given name(s)  
Surname or family name  
(If different from above) First or given name(s) at birth  
Surname or family name at birth  
Occupation, profession or job

Elizabeth Ann  
Humberstone

-

Nash  
Home Duties

Alfred  
Humberstone

-

-  
Baker

MARITAL DETAILS

Marital status  
Age at marriage  
Place of marriage  
To whom married - First or given name(s)  
To whom married - Surname or family name  
Age of spouse or former spouse

Widowed  
24  
Auckland  
Dinah Maude  
Davis

-

Certified to be a true copy of the above particulars included in an entry recorded in this office.

Issued under the seal of the Registrar at this Otahuhu 3 day of June 19 98

CAUTION: Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on the certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.

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Figure 306: Death certificate of Thomas Jack HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996). (HB0186)

## 5.12 ERIC SLEIGHTHOLME HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1907 - d. 1983)

Eric HUMBERSTONE was born in Old Leake, Lincolnshire, England on the 4th June 1907 and arrived in New Zealand at the age of seven (20th May 1914). As with the other younger family members he was enrolled in the local school at Wairere (now demolished) outside Te Kuiti. On his enlistment papers for WWII he put down that he had stayed at school until "Standard V" and he seems to have left school to work. He was gifted mechanically and could understand and repair any machine, apparently able to listen to the noises from motors and work out from that how to fix them.

In the 1920s Eric was working with his brother-in-law Donald McDONALD (husband of Kate HUMBERSTONE) at Waimiha, on the land they were breaking in on Ongarue Stream Road (there are numerous references to Eric working with Donald in Kate's diaries). Eric mentioned to his son Peter how hard they worked, one example being that after a full day on the farm getting back to the house, Donald would say, "OK, now there are a dozen sheep in the yard, they all need to be killed and dressed for the butcher in the morning": there was always a lot to be done.

An ad in the *King Country chronicle* (21 October 1920) is probably from Eric, selling an Indian motorcycle (1919 model).

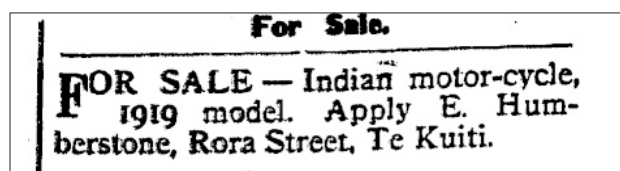


Figure 307: For sale notice in the *King Country chronicle* (21 October 1920). (HB0381)



Figure 308: (L to R) Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) and brother Eric (1907-1983) and an unknown dog, photo from Lincolnshire before the migration in 1914. (HB0189)

Again in April 1926 “E. Humberstone” is selling a vehicle: “Waggon. 3-ton. spring, no reasonable offer refused.—E. Humberstone. Piopio” (*New Zealand herald*, Volume LXIII, Issue 19291, 1 April 1926, Page 3), so clearly Eric was keen on vehicles and actively buying and selling them.

In 1928 Eric is living in Hospital Road, Te Kuiti (*Waikato supplementary roll*) and his occupation is motor driver. His sister Gladys was also living in Hospital Road and he may even have been boarding with her. In 1935 and 1938 the electoral roll (*Waitomo general roll*) shows he has the same occupation but is living with his parents in the house at 17 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti (along with his father Alfred, older brother Pell and Pell’s wife Mary), brother Rufus is living out at Piopio in 1935 but has left there by the 1938 roll.

Eric married Ethel HONE<sup>1</sup> at Easter 1939 (Saturday 8th April) in the Anglican Church in Te Kuiti (St. Luke’s) (see Figure 311 below). There were nearly thirteen guests, to avoid the unlucky number young nephew Bob CHESSUM was invited to make up the fourteenth member. Bob remembers that Eric arrived late and was escorted down the aisle by his brother Rufus as best man rather than entering via the vestry.



Figure 309: Josephine HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956) with older brothers Tom (1905-1996) and Eric (1907-1983). (HB0228)

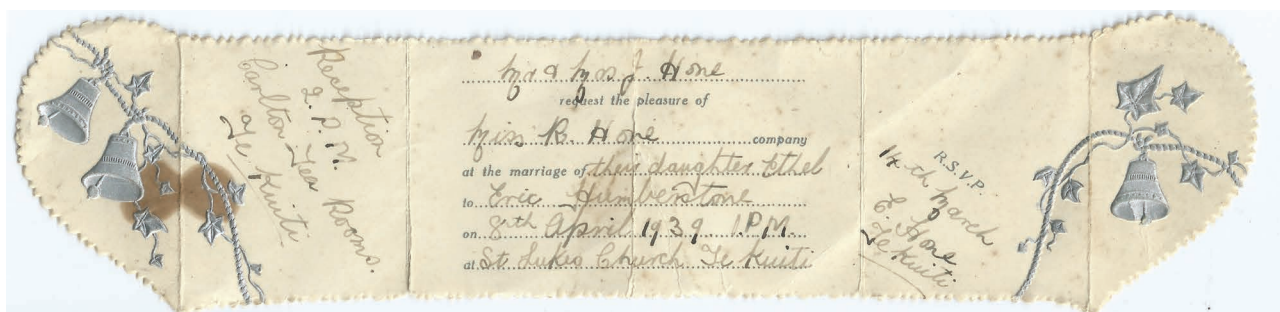
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<sup>1</sup> Ethel’s father *Albert John HONE* (1878-1948) had volunteered to serve in the Second Boer War and left New Zealand on the ship *Cornwall* in 1901, he and at least one of Ethel’s brothers were also there.



Figure 310: Wedding photo of Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) and Ethel HONE (1915-1971), Te Kuiti, 8 April 1939. (HB0305)

Figure 311: Below Eric and Ethel's handwritten folding wedding invitation: "Mr and Mrs J Hone request the pleasure of Miss R[ita] Hone, at the marriage of their daughter Ethel to Eric Humberstone, on 8th April 1939 1 PM, St Luke's Church, Te Kuiti. Reception 2 PM Carlton Tearooms, Te Kuiti. RSVP 14th March, E. Hone, Te Kuiti." (HB0304)





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Eric's "Attestation for service in time of war, within and beyond New Zealand" i.e. enlistment application, is dated 12 August 1940 at Taumaranui, it gives his occupation as "Hawler driver" for "J. Machin" who was running Machin's Mill at Waimiha (Ongarue Stream Road) at that time (see also Figure 325 below). Eric said he would prefer to be a motor driver in the army and he was sent as that to the Middle East (Egypt). On enlistment Eric was 33 years old, 5' 8 ½" tall (about 1.74 m), with blue eyes and fair hair (10 stone 4 pounds = about 65 kilograms).

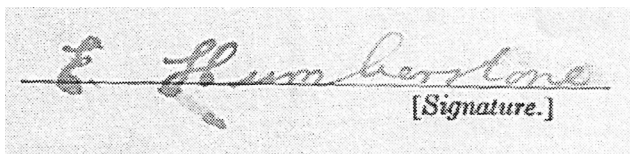


Figure 312: Signature of Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) on his "Registration form for active service" (20 June 1940). (HB0278)

Eric served in Egypt from May 1941 until October 1943 when he was shipped to Italy until January 1945, returning to Auckland via Port Said and Tenerife.



Figure 313: Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) (on the right) holding gun with unidentified fellow soldiers, probably in Egypt. (HB0308)



Figure 314: Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) (on the left) with unidentified fellow soldier, perhaps in Italy. (HB0307)

Eric was at the battle of Monte Casino (1944). After his return to New Zealand, in 1945 Eric was staying with his wife's family at Waiuku (some doctor's papers are present in his army records from that time). During the war Ethel seems to have gone to live with her parents (Albert John and Ida Marcella HONE) on their farm at Waiuku, her brothers were also living in that area. Another Humberstone brother, Pell, had married Ethel's older sister Mary in Te Kuiti in 1932 and perhaps through that family connection Ethel had come into contact with the HUMBERSTONE family in Te Kuiti.



*Figure 315: Ethel HUMBERSTONE (née HONE) (1915-1971) and one of her children. (HB0313)*



*Figure 316: Ethel HUMBERSTONE (née HONE) (1915-1971) with her mother (Ida Marcella HONE (née NOTT) (1878-1950)) and another HONE relative and three of Ethel's children. (HB0309)*

Eric was discharged on 6th May 1946 when he gives his (future) work details as motor driver at the Waimiha Timber Company, Kopaki (between Benneydale and Te Kuiti in the King Country). In the 1949 electoral roll Eric and Ethel are living at the Waimiha Timber Company's mill at Waimiha at Kopaki where Eric is an engine driver (perhaps hauling logs down from the forests).

Eric and Ethel went to live in Ohaupo in 1952, where, along with brother Ernie HUMBERSTONE they had bought Dunwoody's carrying business, which they ran for many years. The 1954 electoral roll for Waipa lists them both in Ohaupo, with Eric as a carrier (brother Ernie is not on the same list though).

In Ohaupo Eric and Ethel arrived in Great Burke Street (1952) just after Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1991) and his family moved on from their house in the same street (but on the other side of the road) to Auckland (1951). Tom and Dinah had lived in that street since 1933 and Tom worked at the railway station.

Eric and Ernie HUMBERSTONE purchased Dunwoody's carrying business which operated out of a house and adjacent yard at 10 Great Burke Street. At that time there was a lot of work for moving milk and cream cans around, but it was the end of an era and milk tankers were about to make their way into the transport industry. There was also a legal limit of 40 miles for transport companies to operate. The business was run by Eric and Ernie together, with Ernie living in Ohaupo to work while his family home was in Auckland. There were links to other HUMBERSTONE family members with ASPLIN's garage also in the area. Eric's sons Peter and George both did apprenticeships with the ASPLINs.

## 5.12 ERIC HUMBERSTONE

Eric's son Peter HUMBERSTONE (b. 1950) grew up in the house and remembers the sociable, generous and hospitable way Ethel and Eric ran things, with numerous guests either asked in for meals or just turning up at meal times, especially with the 6 o'clock closing practices of the time when Eric would turn up with a few extras from the nearby Ohaupo hotel for a meal.

Eric dug the veggie garden at the back of the house, but Ethel managed it, and they lived from their own veggies and chooks, etc. Very often Ethel was cooking for many more than were living in the house. Many an evening (after 6 o'clock) there was a kitchen full of men eating well and sharing a beer, at times 20 or so people. In addition, passing Humberstone relatives dropped in, Ohaupo being a shorter or longer stop on trips to Te Kuiti from Auckland or vice versa. We know the TATTERSFIELDS dropped by on trips up from Wellington, Kate HUMBERSTONE's diaries also mention stopovers for a cup of tea or a longer stay. Eric and Ernie worked in the same business and lived in the same house.

According to Peter HUMBERSTONE (b. 1950) Ethel herself purchased the house at 10 Great Burke Street with assistance from "Uncle Alf" from the HONE side of the family, she wanted the security of knowing that the family home was not about to be sold without her knowledge. Other HONE relatives also came to stay regularly as did Eric's brothers, Rufus HUMBERSTONE (1895-1969) and Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996).

The 1969 electoral roll puts both Eric and Ethel in Great Burke Street, Ohaupo, but by 1972 only Eric is there. In the 1978 list Eric is listed as retired however his son Peter John HUMBERSTONE (b. 1950) who was living across the road at number 9 eventually took over the house and with family still lives in Ohaupo today (2016).

Claudia TATTERSFIELD remembers visiting Eric and Ethel in Ohaupo when they had the carrier business, and Eric as a friendly and funny chap (and a heavy smoker) with a very sound sense of humour.



*Figure 317: Ernie (1897-1974) seated beside brother Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983), taken in 1952 at the funeral of their mother. (Detail of HB0220A)*



*Figure 318: Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) in uniform. (HB0190)*

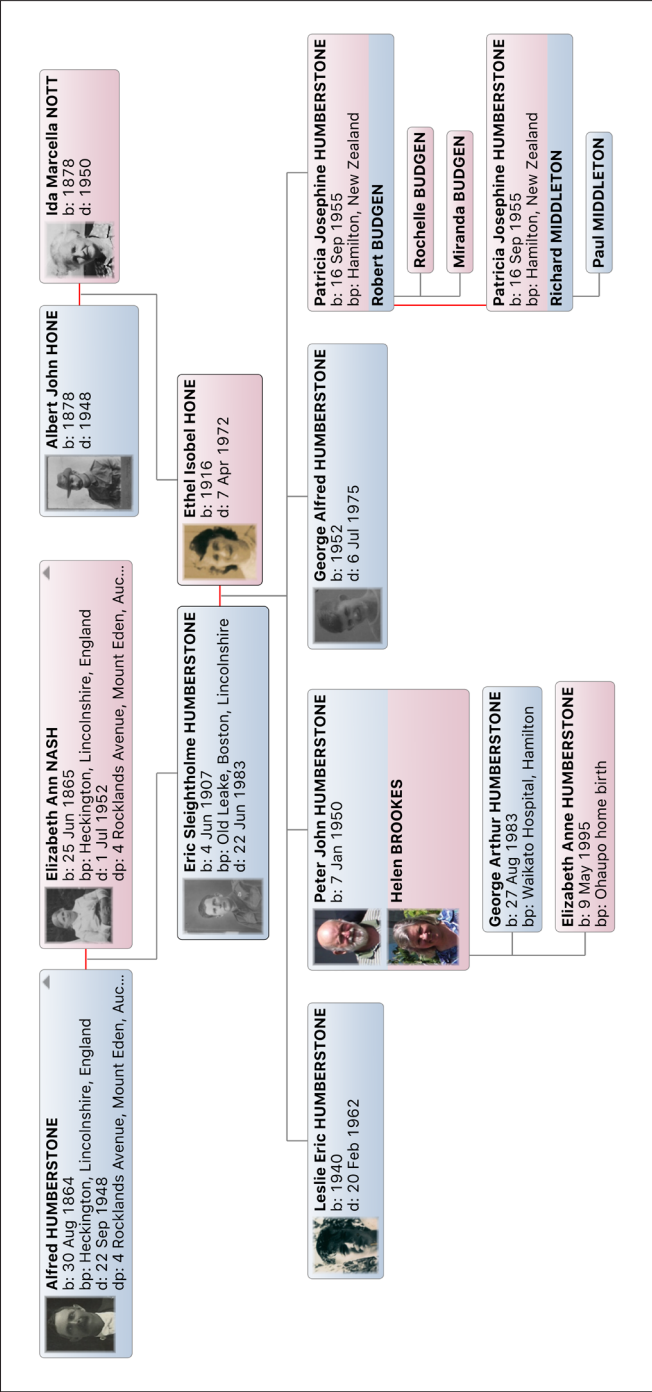


Figure 319: Descendants of Eric Sleightholme HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) and Ethel HONE (1915-1971).





*Figure 320: Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) in front of part of Wairere Falls (near Te Kuiti). This was a popular picnic spot, a photo of the HUMBERSTONE family at the same waterfall in around 1915 is printed earlier in this book (see page 28-29 above). (HB0195)*



Figure 321  
Left: Eric  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1907-1983) in  
the front of the  
family house at 17  
Seddon Street, Te  
Kuiti. (HB0191)



Figure 323  
Right: Eric  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1907-1983) and  
Ethel HONE (1915-  
1971) (perhaps  
at Waimiha).  
(HB0192)



Figure 322  
Left: Eric  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1907-1983) and  
Ethel HONE (1915-  
1971). (HB0194)



Figure 324  
Right: Eric  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1907-1983) with  
Ethel HONE (1915-  
1971) and their son  
Leslie (b. 1940).  
(HB0193)





*The gang at Machin's Mill gave Sandy Sunnex a real bushmen's send-off when he was on his final leave before setting off to the 2nd World War. Sandy is the one in uniform, squatting down by the beer keg, with Eric Humberstone beside him. Bert Sunnex, to right of Sandy, is about to pour himself a cup from a tin billy. Standing in the middle is Roly Knapp with Ralph Longden beside him in the light coloured hat and Joe Machin in the rear with the white shirt and braces. The tall man on the left at the back is Harry Longden. They all were surprised when Sandy turned up again for work shortly afterwards. He had got as far as the boat in Wellington, was discharged and sent back to the mill.*

*- photo courtesy Harry Longden, Whangamata.*

*Figure 325: Eric HUMBERSTONE (1907-1983) (squatting with right hand extended on the beer keg) in a working group at Machin's Mill (Waimiha) around 1940, photo reproduced from Walker, Audrey (2001) Waimiha: people of character: a district history (Waimiha: Waimiha Reunion 2001 Committee), p. 119. (HB0277)*

## 5.12.1 LESLIE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1940 - d. 20 FEBRUARY 1962)

# 5.12.2 PETER JOHN HUMBERSTONE

(b. 7 JANUARY 1950)

m. Helen BROOKES (b. 3 April 1960)

5.12.2.1 George Arthur HUMBERSTONE (b. 27 August 1993)

5.12.2.2 Elizabeth Anne HUMBERSTONE (b. 9 May 1995)

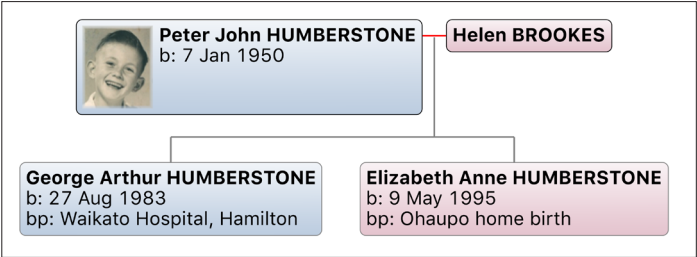


Figure 326: Descendants of Peter HUMBERSTONE (b. 1950) and Helen BROOKES (b. 1960).

# 5.12.3 GEORGE ALFRED HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1952 - d. 6 JULY 1975)



# 5.12.4 PATRICIA JOSEPHINE HUMBERSTONE

(b. 16 NOVEMBER 1955)

m. Robert BUDGEN

5.12.4.1 Rochelle BUDGEN

5.12.4.2 Miranda BUDGEN

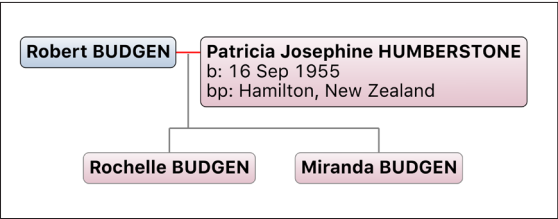


Figure 327A: Descendants of Patricia Josephine HUMBERSTONE (b. 1955) and Robert BUDGEN.

5.12.4.3 Paul MIDDLETON

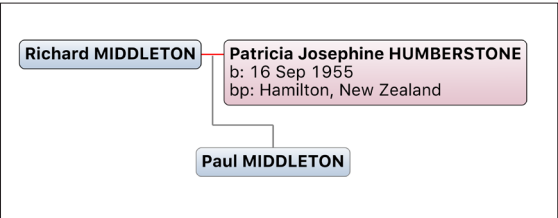


Figure 327B: Second marriage of Patricia Josephine HUMBERSTONE (b. 1955) and Paul MIDDLETON.



*Figure 328: Patricia HUMBERSTONE (b. 1955) and Ethel HUMBERSTONE (née HONE) at Great Burke Street, Ohaupo about 1961. (HB0199)*

## 5.13 JOSEPHINE MAY HUMBERSTONE

(b. 1908 - d. 1956)

Josephine HUMBERSTONE (“Josey,” “Josie” or “Auntie Jo”) the youngest of the HUMBERSTONE family who came to New Zealand, was born in Old Leake, Lincolnshire (most likely in the old house in Seadyke Road) on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1908. On the ship out, the *RMS Tainui*, she was the also the youngest of the family, aged just five.

After arriving in New Zealand (20th May 1914) Jo went to school with the other younger HUMBERSTONES at the nearby Wairere school (since demolished) and was also a foundation pupil of the secondary department of Piopio school in 1923. She grew up surrounded by her older brothers and sisters and their established and expanding families.

In 1931 Jo married Les Alfred TATTERSFIELD (b. Dunedin, 3 September 1908-1972). Jo kept her electoral registration in Te Kuiti (Seddon Street) for both 1935 and 1938, however in 1938 she is also registered living at 3 Hemi Street Auckland. Les and his radio-engineer brother (Harold Frederic TATTERSFIELD) were living there with their widowed mother also sometimes in residence.

Les was recalled to the navy for World War II (1939) and later worked for Tasman Empire Airways Limited (TEAL) the forerunner of Air New Zealand, first registered in Wellington as a limited liability company on 26 April 1940. Les, as a radio operator also worked in New Zealand and in Fiji. Jo and Les’s daughter Claudia was born in Te Kuiti on 17 January, 1947, that year the family moved to Fiji for 18 months, from mid-1947 to mid-1948. Claudia has photos “with lovely Fijian nannies” and “hanging out with slightly older barefoot European children.” By 1949 and 1954 they were living at 8 Buller Street, Wellington.



Figure 329: Josephine May HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956), portrait taken in England before the trip to New Zealand. (HB0281)

From there the family made frequent long drives (in the old Buick) up north to visit HUMBERSTONE relatives, leaving Wellington before dawn (very exciting) and stopping on the Desert Road for a thermos of tea. Kate McDONALD's diaries record many visits from the family, and visits to Eric HUMBERSTONE in Ohaupo were also made (more information below). Diana HUMBERSTONE (b. 1930) remembers staying with them in Wellington in 1949 while on a temporary transfer to Wellington with the Post Office and remembers Claudia as a three year old and the family also having an Irish setter dog at that time (Michael).

Claudia said in an email about 8 Buller Street she had "fond memories of the place with its tiny back area garden, wash house (copper), dog kennel, Damson plum tree, [Les] used to make terrific plum jam, a duck I used to throw grain for after kindy, and Katie the cat who had many litters of kittens. Michael, our Irish setter was one of Auntie Nance (1900-1979) and Uncle Dick HARRIS' (1902-1961) dogs." The family also lived for a time at Weymouth, with Nance and Dick HARRIS living nearby. Jo and Les had a batch moved onto a property near the beach and also had an old caravan there. Claudia went to school for perhaps a year at Manurewa, aged six and got her first bike there in 1952. In another photo Jo is dressed up to attend a royal gala performance of somekind, presumably during the royal visit of 1956.

In 1956 Jo died in an early morning car accident near East Tamaki on the way home from a family birthday, a 21st. Her sister Nance HUMBERSTONE was also in the car, in the back seat, but survived. Another sister Kate McDONALD (1890-1981) wrote the following entries in her diary at the time:

***Saturday 29th September** Jo and Les [Tattersfield] came to lunch, then Nance drove me to the Church of England bazaar at Balmoral, had quite an enjoyable day. Dick [HARRIS] took Nance to Balmoral [the HUMBERSTONE house in Rockland's Avenue] to join Jo and Les to go to [nephew] Peter Dunn's 21st birthday party.*

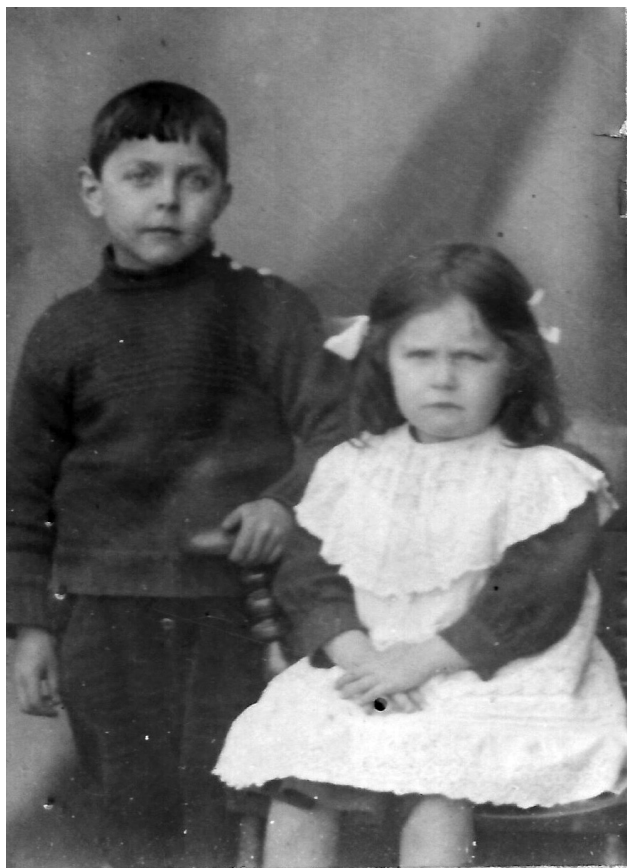
***Sunday 30 September** Josey got killed and Nance terribly cut about at three in the morning when a car crashed into them head on. Talk about shock.*

***Monday 1 October** We went to Balmoral, heavy showers again, Nance seems a bit better.*

***Tuesday 2 October** Buried Josey with Mum at Hillsborough [cemetery], beautiful wreaths and big attendance, our five boys [Rufus, Pell, Ernie, Tom, Eric] and Donald [McDonald] carried her.*

After Jo's death Les remarried (Jean HEYWOOD, d. 2008) and lived in Levin and Otaki.





*Figure 330: Tom HUMBERSTONE (1905-1996) with his youngest sister Josephine (1908-1956). (HB0358)*



*Figure 331: Josephine HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956) with older brothers Tom (1905-1996) and Eric (1907-1983). (HB0228)*



*Figure 332: A  
marvellously  
atmospheric and  
character filled but  
undated portrait  
of Josephine  
HUMBERSTONE  
(1908-1956).  
(HB204)*

## 5.13.1 CLAUDIA TATTERSFIELD

(b. 17 JANUARY 1947)

5.13.1 Michael KILLICK (b. 1964)

5.13.1 Amber Evenstow NOBLE (b. 1972)

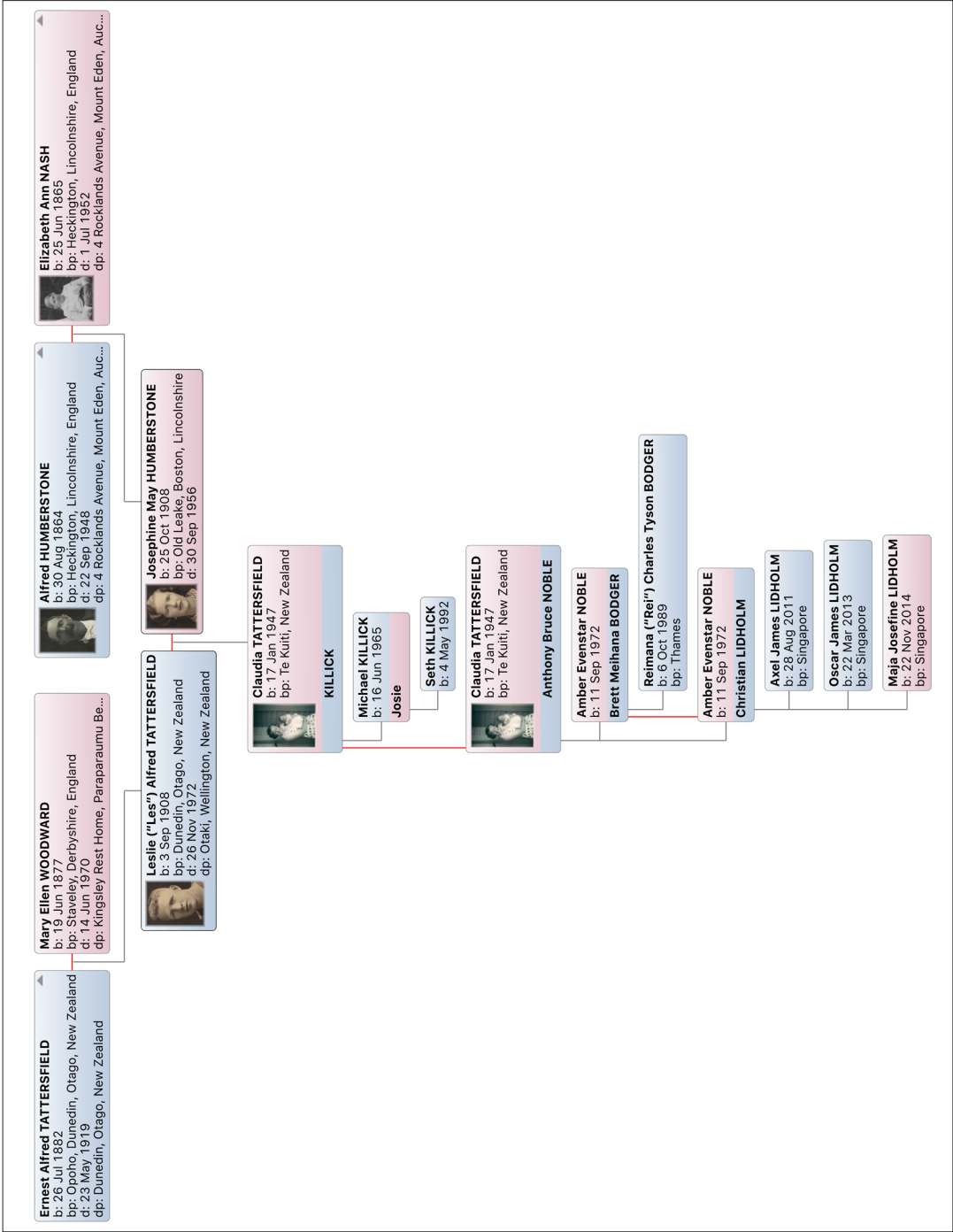


Figure 333: Descendants of Josephine HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956) and Les TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972).



*Figure 334: Josephine May HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956) and Les TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972) on their wedding day in 1935. (HB0205)*





*Figure 335: Les TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972) and Josephine May HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956) on their wedding day in 1935 (original image somewhat damaged). (HB0208)*



*Figure 336: Claudia TATTERSFIELD (b. 17 Jan 1946) and her mother Josephine May TATTERSFIELD (née HUMBERSTONE) (1908-1956) at Wellington Zoo (25th June 1950). (HB0210, HB0325)*



*Figure 337: Claudia TATTERSFIELD (b. 1946) and father Les TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972). (HB0211)*





Figure 338 Left: Les TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972) and family friend Jim Beswick mucking about with (or testing) early radio or telephony equipment; Jim Beswick also boarded at 4 Rocklands Avenue for some time. ((HB0213)



Figure 339 Left: Street photo of Jo HUMBERSTONE (1908-1956) from the early-1950s, she sent it to her sister Nance's husband (Dick HARRIS) with the inscription reproduced below. (HB0275)



Figure 340 Above: 8 Buller Street, Wellington in late-2013. (HB0214)

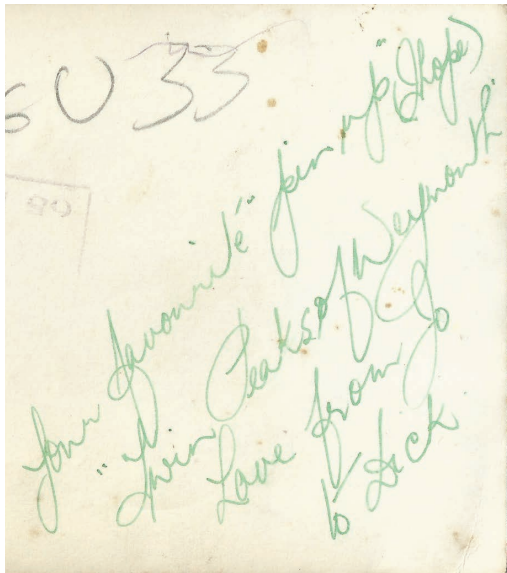


Figure 341  
Left: Jo's  
handwriting  
on the back  
of the photo  
above: "Your  
favourite 'pin  
up' (I hope),  
'Twin Peaks of  
Weymouth',  
love from  
Jo, to Dick".  
Jo and Les  
were living at  
Weymouth  
(an Auckland  
suburb) at  
the time.  
(HB0276)



Figure 342 Above: Josephine TATTERSFIELD  
(née HUMBERSTONE) (1908-1956) with husband  
Les TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972) and their  
daughter Claudia (b. 1947). (HB0279)



Figure 343 Left: Nance HARRIS (née  
HUMBERSTONE) (1900-1979) with her sister  
Josephine TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972) and  
Josephine's daughter Claudia (b. 1947). (HB0282)





Figure 344: Josephine TATTERSFIELD (1908-1956) with husband Les TATTERSFIELD (1908-1972). (HB0280)



Figure 345: Car belonging to Les TATTERSFIELD and Jo TATTERSFIELD (née HUMBERSTONE), photo sent to brother Eric HUMBERSTONE in Ohaupo (inscription as shown below). (HB0323)

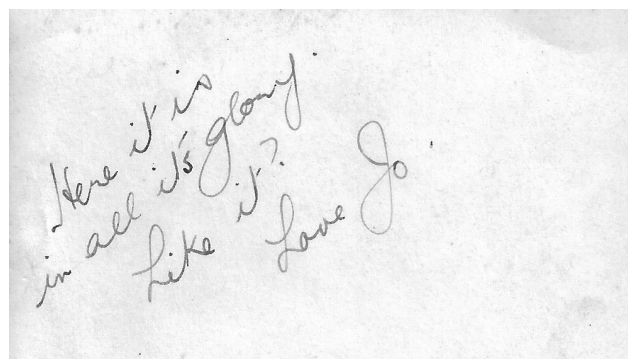


Figure 346: Inscription written by Jo on the back of the card above: "Here it is in all its glory. Like it? Love Jo." (HB0324)

# 6. APPENDICES

## 6.1 "A CURIOUS PIECE OF ANTIQUITY ON THE CRUCIFIXION"

On display at the 2014 HUMBERSTONE 100 year reunion in Matamata, New Zealand was a broadsheet example of “emblematic” or “pattern” poetry with a religious text copied out across three vertical crosses (Figure 348 below). The text was copied out by Michael HARE (1805-1834) when he was about 13 and is written as an acrostic, with most of the text to be read horizontally and a few parts vertically. The copy is dated 1818 and has been written out by hand on a large piece of paper with an inscription along the bottom of the page in large letters: “Michael Hare, Surfleet Academy, April 21st 1818.”

Michael HARE (1805-1834) was the first husband of Ann BONNER (1807-1879). Michael built the large mill surviving today in Heckington, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire. Michael and Ann HARE were married on the 14th July 1829 at Kirkby on Bain, Lincolnshire. They had three children but only son James (b. 1831) seems to have survived beyond infancy. After Michael HARE’s death at the age of 29, infant son James probably inherited the mill. A few years later Ann married a local miller Sleighton NASH (1760-1847) (a man 38 years her senior). The couple subsequently had four sons: (1) William (1837-1892), (2) Franklin Bonner 1840-1879, (3) Bonner 1844-1847, and (4) Ambrose (b. 1846).

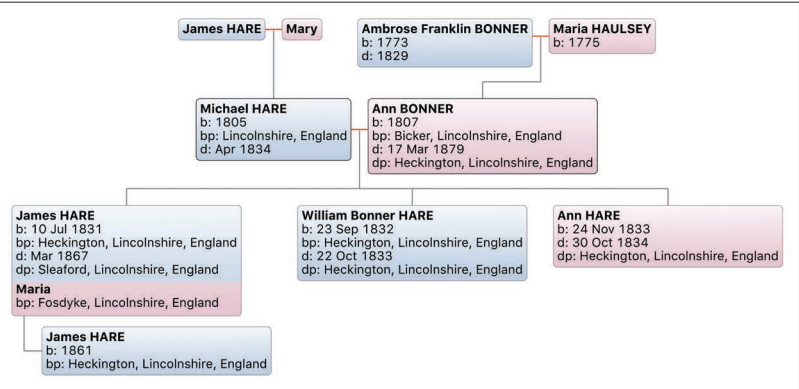
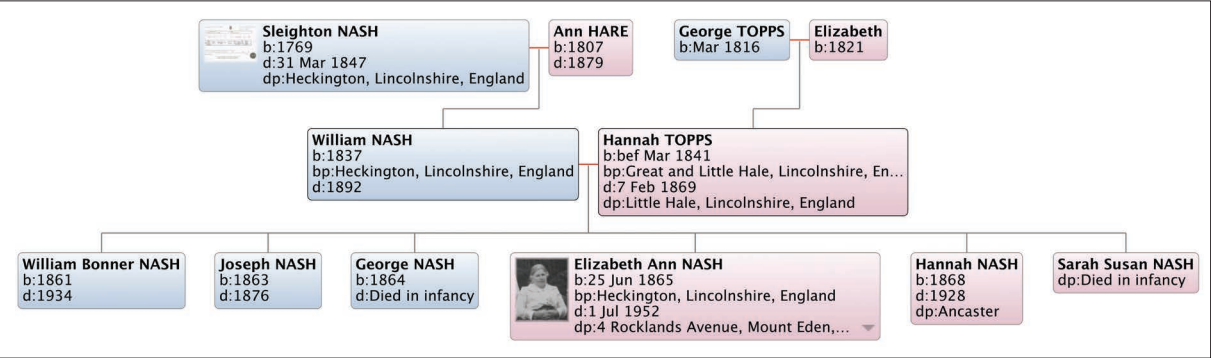


Figure 347:  
Marriages of Ann  
BONNER (1807-  
1879): Left: Family  
of Michael HARE  
(1805-1834) and  
Ann BONNER  
(1807-1879).

Below: Details of the second  
marriage of Ann HARE (nee  
BONNER) (1807-1879)  
to Sleighton NASH (1769-1847).



This sample of Michael HARE's penmanship was brought to New Zealand by a granddaughter of Ann HARE, Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) daughter of William NASH (1837-1892) and survived in the Humberstone family. Other examples (including a map of Europe) are held by family members in New Zealand but have yet not been sighted or photographed.

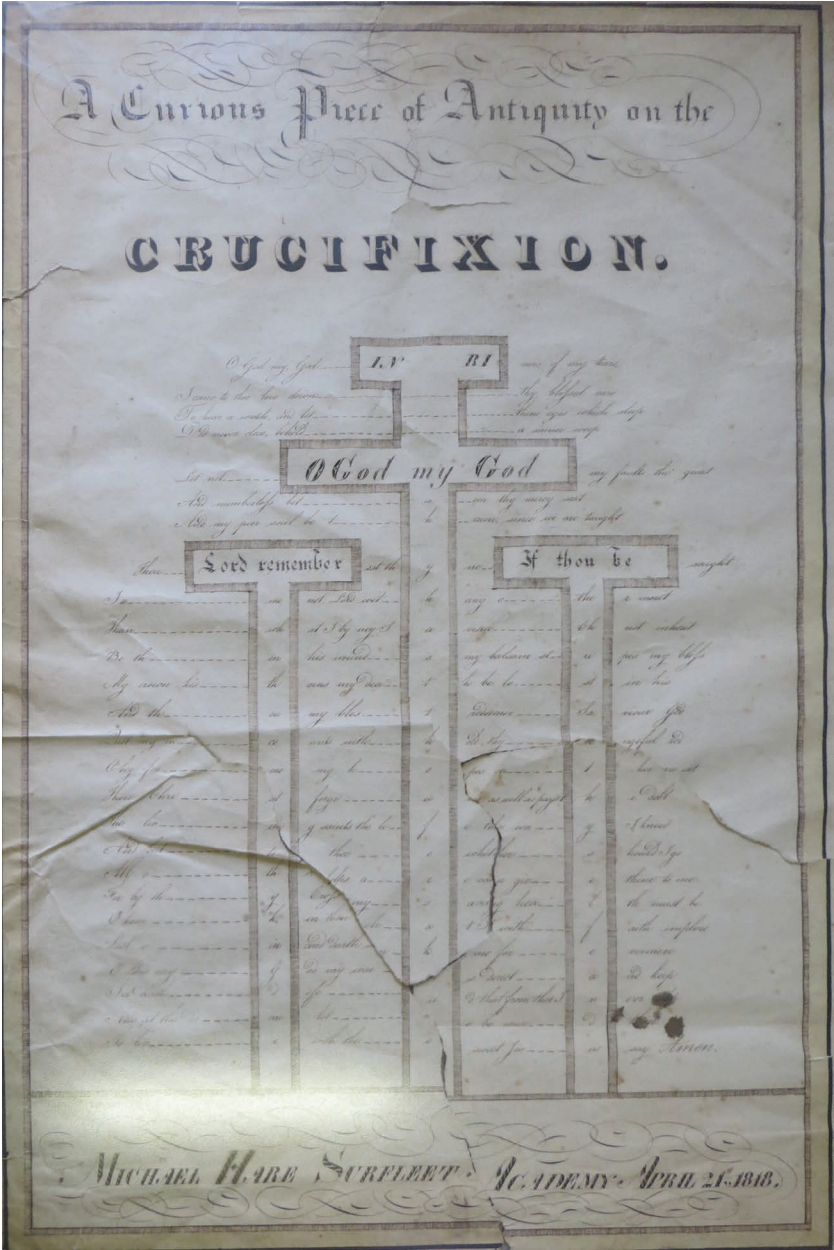


Figure 348: Deskewed photo of original calligraphy by Michael HARE (1805-1834), prepared when he was about 13. No details yet traced about "Surfleet Academy" but Surfleet is a village three miles from Spalding. (HB0271)



The Christian religious text he copied out is known from printed examples in the British Library dating from 1765 when it appears to have been circulated as a religious broadsheet and presumably framed for homes and places of worship.

A printed version of the same text as Michael HARE's handwritten example is shown below. The text of the poem is also reproduced in legible form on the next page. "The poem crosses horizontally and vertically through three [crosses], beginning: 'Behold, O God! INRI vers of my Tears' [i.e. "In rivers of tears ..."]. The poem was first published around 1765 by W. Bailey, 28 Great Tower-street, London, and was reprinted by several other publishers, with an American version as late as the 1850s." (<http://www.richardfordmanuscripts.co.uk/catalogue/12258>)

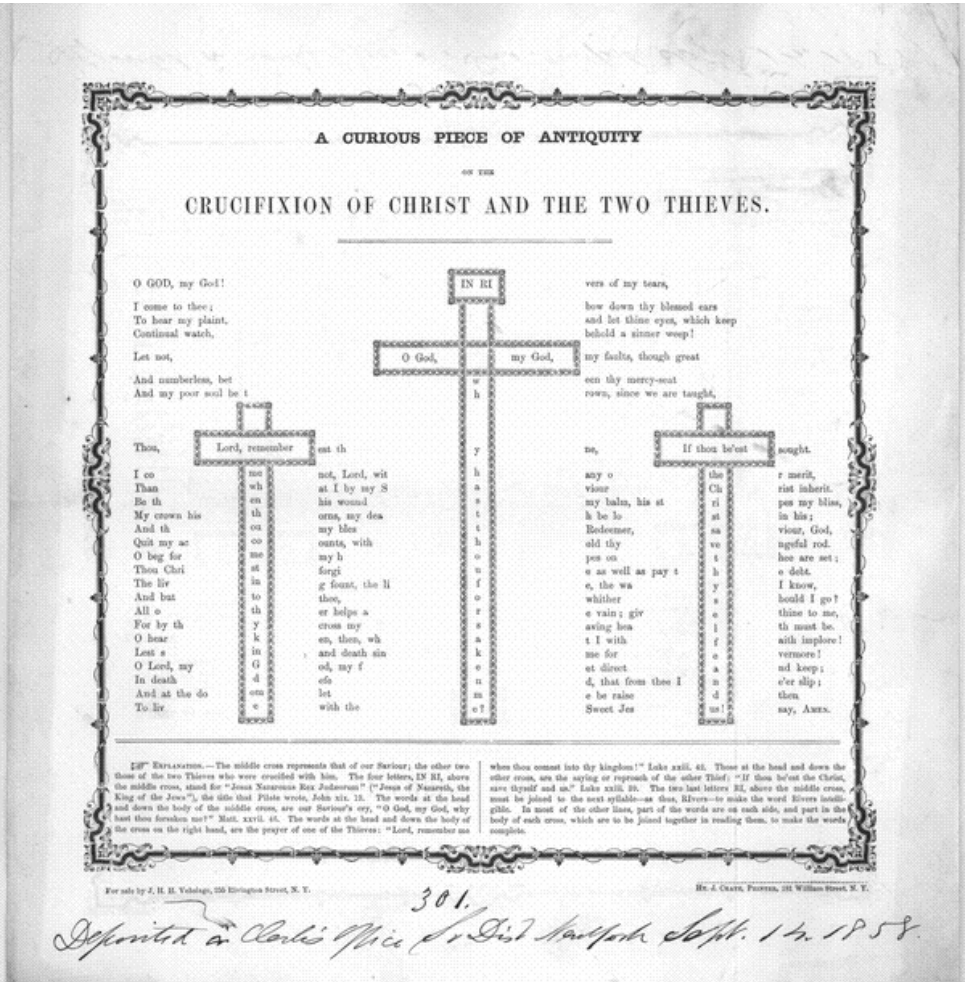


Figure 349: A printed version of the same emblematic and acrostic poem from the USA.



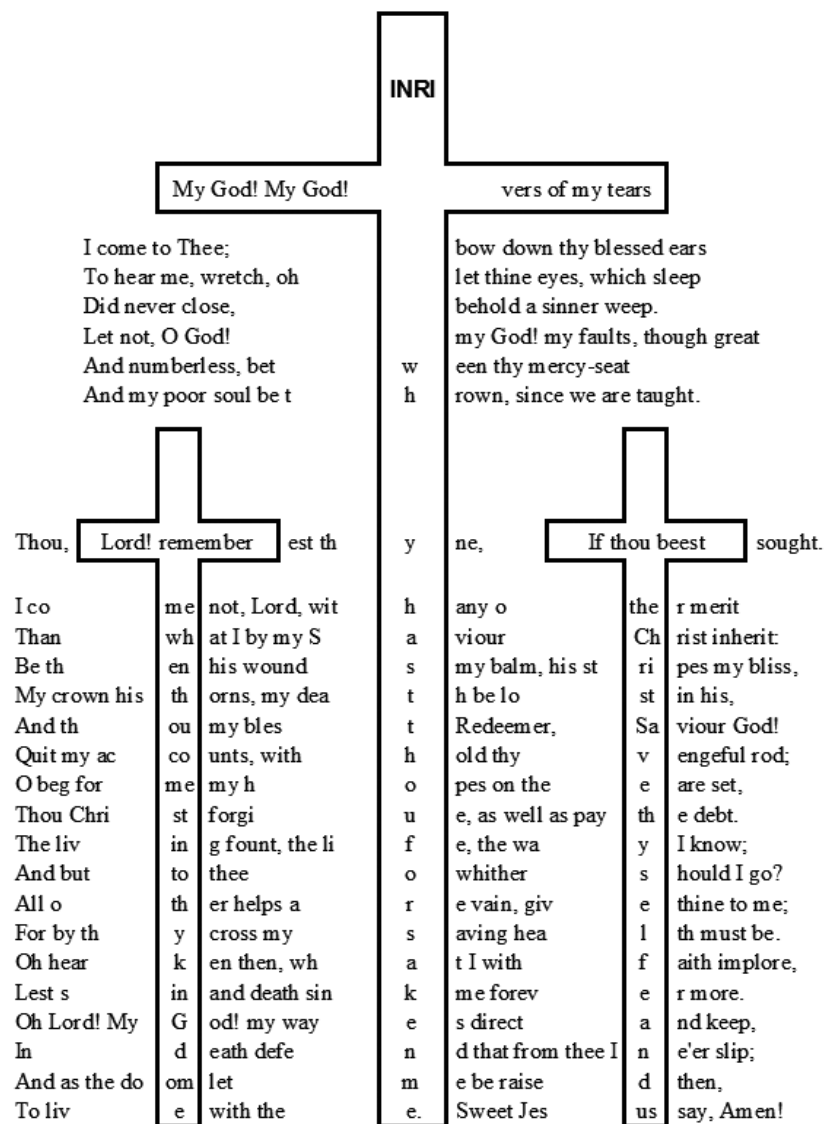


Figure 350: This version is from the 1882 book by Frank H. Stauffer, *The queer, the quaint and the quizzical: a cabinet for the curious* (David McKay, Philadelphia), p. 50. (<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/41762/41762-h/41762-h.htm>)

Explanation: The middle cross represents our Saviour; those on either side, the two thieves. On the top and down the middle cross are our Saviour's expression, 'My God! My God! Why has thou forsaken me?' and on the right hand is the prayer of one of the thieves:--'Lord ! remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.' On the left-hand cross is the saying, or reproach, of the other:--'If thou beest the Christ, save thyself and us.' The whole, comprised together, makes a piece of excellent poetry, which is to be read across all the columns, and makes as many lines as there are letters in the alphabet. It is perhaps one of the most curious pieces of composition to be found on record. (Cited from Bombaugh, CC (compiler), 1874, *Gleanings for the curious from the harvest-fields of literature: a melange of excerpts*, JB Lippincott, Philadelphia, p. 95.)

## 6.2 WILL OF ANN NASH (NÉE BONNER), GRANDMOTHER OF ELIZABETH ANN NASH (1865-1952): TWO MARRIAGES, ONE WINDMILL

The transcription and images below present the last will and testament of Ann NASH (née BONNER) (1807-1879). Because of the annotations on the will it seems to be the probate copy (from Lincoln?). A photocopy was helpfully shared by relative Eileen Robson (Newark, England) in 2014. The transcription below is mostly self evident, however some explanations are needed to make clear who is who in the will.

### 1. *Transcription of the will*

Ann Nash, Heckington, 1879

Dated 17th Sept 1868,

Will of Mrs Ann Nash of Heckington in the County of Lincoln, widow

Died 17th March 1879

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann Nash of Heckington in the County of Lincoln Widow. I give and bequeath on [?] My Son Franklin Bonner Nash all My real and Personal Estates includ[ing] Household Furniture Plate Linen Chin[a] and everything else I may be possessed of at the time of my decease, subj[ect] to the Legacies hereinafter named.

I also give and bequeath to my Son William Nash Eight Pounds per Year so long as he may liv[e] such sum of Eight Pounds to be pai[d] out of the Real Estate hereinbefore devised to my Son Franklin Bonner Nash and at the death of my sai[d] son Willaim Nash

I do give and Bequeath the sum of One Hund[red] Pounds to be divided amongst his children then living providing the youngest child shall have attained the age of twenty one years, if the youngest child shall not have attained the age of twenty one years I direct that the money named a[s] aforesaid be paid to the said children so soon as the youngest shall have attained that age.

And I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson James Hare of Heckington Aforesaid the sum of One Hundred Pounds providing the said James Hare shall live to attain the age of twenty one years , such sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid by my said son Franklin Bonner Nash out of the Real Estate hereinbefore devised to him.

And I appoint my said son Franklin Bonner Nash sole Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. I do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness wherof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in one sheet of Paper written in two sides set my hand this Seventeenth day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and Sixty eight.

This Writing was signed by the said Ann Nash the Testatrix and by her published and declared as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, present at the same time, who in her presence, at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses, Edmund Copeland, Richard Christopherson,

[Signed] Ann Nash

## 2. *Who is who in the will?*

**James HARE** (b. 1861) Ann's grandson by the son of her first marriage (see Figure 347 above).

Ann NASH (1807-17 March 1879) married Michael HARE (1805-1834) on 14 July 1829 at Kirkby-on-Bain, Lincolnshire. The next year (1830) Michael HARE had Edward Ingledew construct the original eight-sailed mill at Heckington (see Figure 2, page 12 above), however Michael died in April 1834 aged just 29, he left a wife, a young son and a young daughter. Michael HARE was an accomplished draughtsman and a sample of his work survives (see Appendix 1). Six months after Michael died, daughter Ann (b. 24 November 1833) also died (30 October 1834). Because Michael's death occurred before the Married Women's Property Act of 1882 it is most likely any property or real estate left by him (such as the mill itself) devolved to his son James (b. 10 July 1831), who was two years nine months old when his father died.

Ann HARE as a widow was presumably living in or near the mill, but we don't know how she was managing it. A local miller and baker, Sleighton NASH (1769-31 March 1847), a widower, and a man nearly 40 years Ann's senior, for whatever reasons approached Ann to marry. One family story passed on in New Zealand was that one of Sleighton's sons from his first marriage was interested to marry Ann but the father ended up marrying her himself on 5 August 1836. The two subsequently had four children (see Figure 351 below), one of whom (William NASH (1837-1892) was to become the father of Elizabeth Ann NASH (1865-1952) who married Alfred HUMBERSTONE (1864-1948).

At first Ann NASH's son by her first marriage, James HARE, lived with her and his new step-father, retaining his own surname (HARE), in the 1841 census they are all living together with James HARE just 10 years old. However, a decade later at the 1851 census James HARE (junior) (by then 20) had moved out to live in the nearby village of Bicker with his farmer cousin John Winlow (aged 25) and John's family. It is notable that Ann Nash (1807-1879) had been born in that village as well.

By the 1861 census James HARE, agricultural labourer, had married one Maria (surname untraced) and was living with their five month old son (a second James HARE b. 1861) in Heckington. James HARE senior however died in 1867 (aged 35) leaving Maria to become a charwoman living alone in Heckington to support her son (details from the 1871 census). By this time the NASH family were in possession of the windmill. It is to this James HARE (junior) mentioned in the will, that his grandmother Ann NASH left money, her grandson from her first marriage, in her will.

**William NASH** (1837-1892) and **Franklin Bonner NASH** (1840-1880) are sons from Ann's second marriage) (see Figure 351, right).

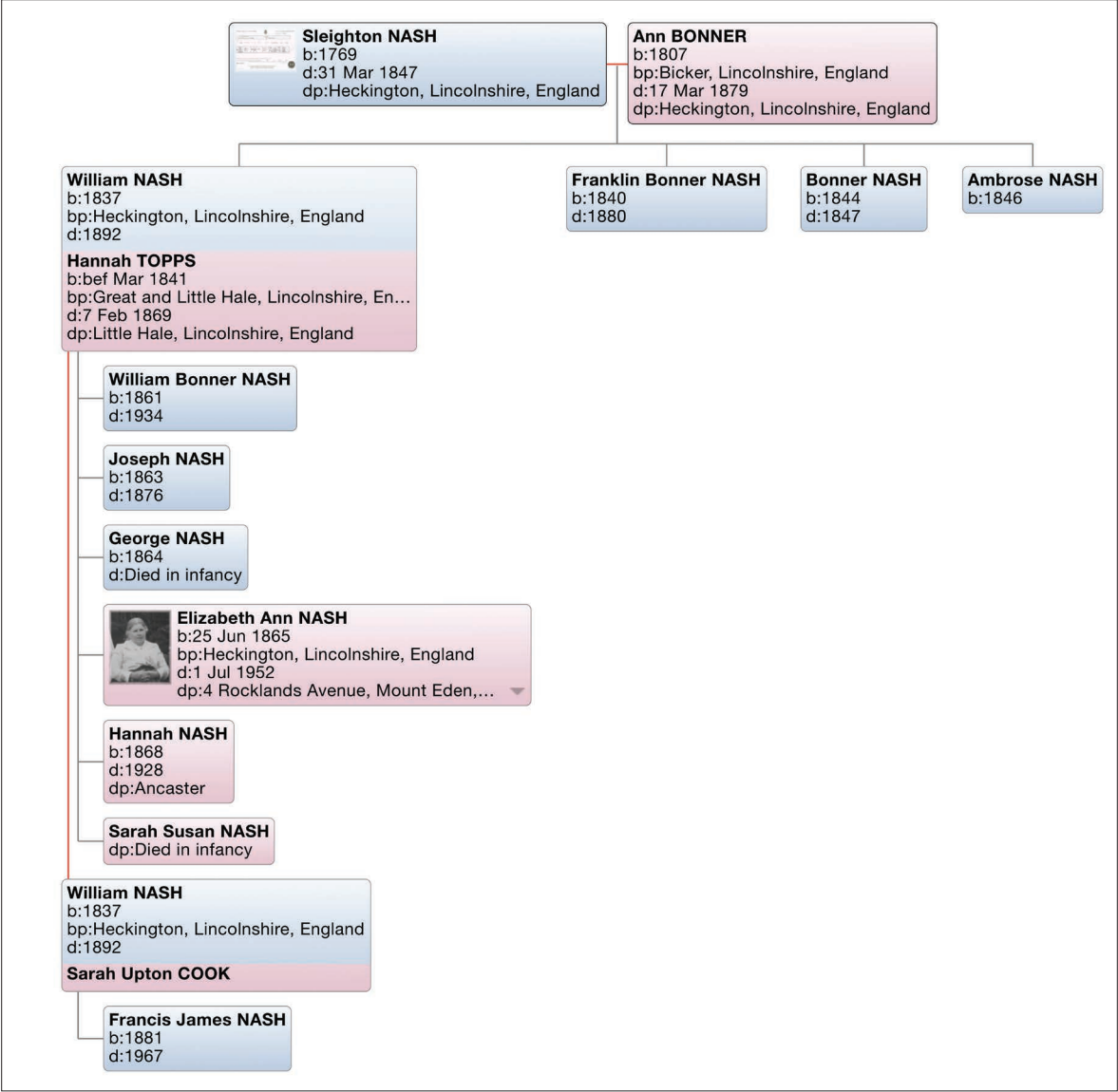
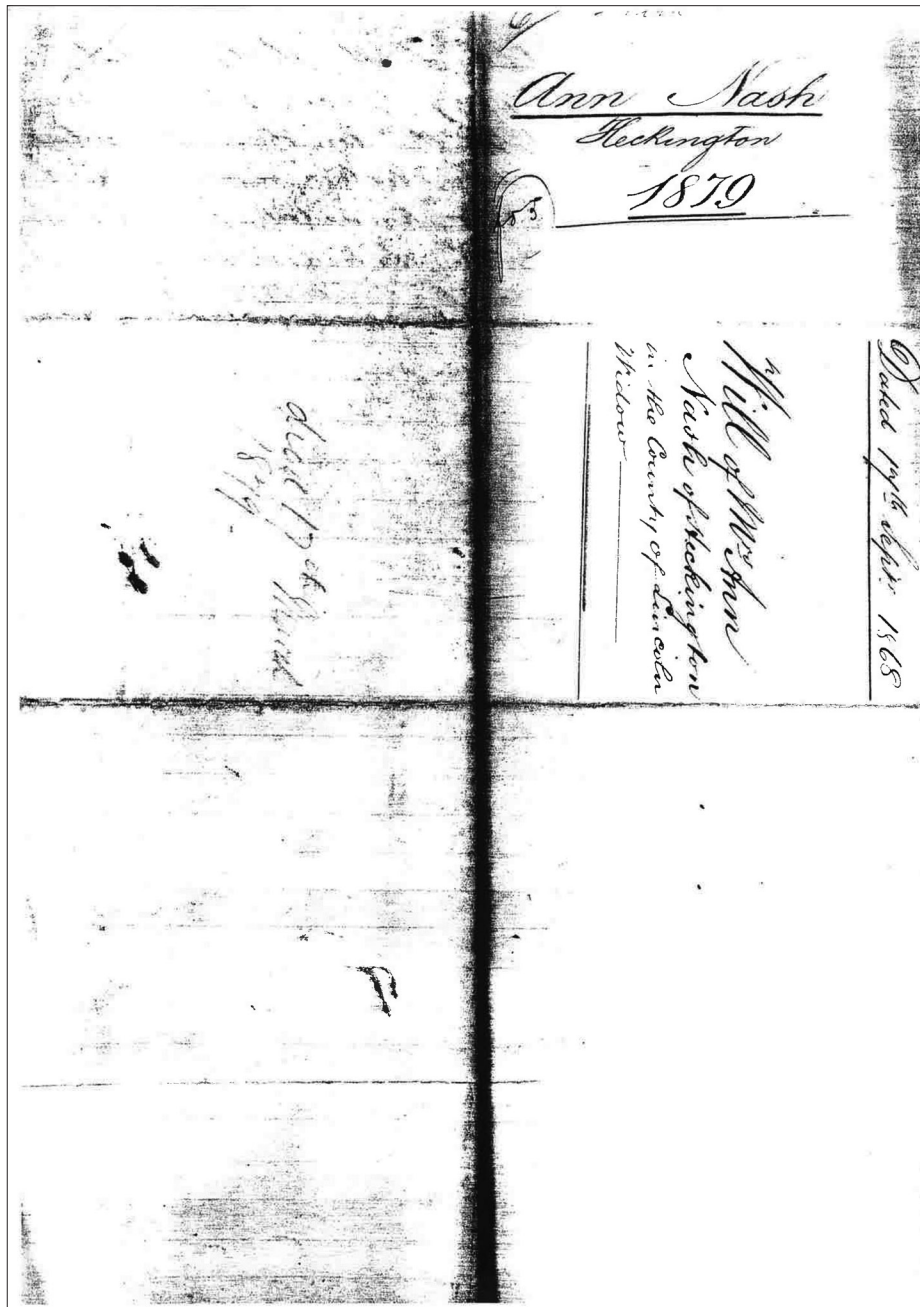


Figure 351: Marriage of Ann HARE (née BONNER) to Sleighton NASH.



3. *Reproduction of the will with transcription on facing pages*



Ann Nash  
Heckington  
1879

Dated 17th Sept 1868  
Will of Mrs Ann  
Nash of Heckington  
in the County of Lincoln  
Widow

died 17th March 1879

Figure 352: Cover page  
of the will of Ann NASH  
(1807-1879). (HB0410)

*Franklin Bonner Nash*  
*Commissioner*  
*Dec: 18. 1879*  
 This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann Nash of Heckington in the County of Lincoln Widow. I give and bequeath to my Son Franklin Bonner Nash all my Real and Personal Estates includ[ing] Household Furniture Plate Linen Chin and everything else I may be possess[or] of at the time of my decease, Subj[ect] to the Legacies hereinafter named. I also give and bequeath to my Son William Nash Eight Pounds per Year so long as he may liv[e] such sum of Eight Pounds to be paid out of the Real Estate hereinbefore devised to my Son Franklin Bonner Nash and at the death of my said Son William Nash I do give and bequeath the sum of One Hundred Pounds to be divided amongst his children then living providing the youngest child shall have attained the age of twenty one years, if the youngest child shall not have attained the age of twenty one year I direct that the money named aforesaid be paid to the said children so soon as the youngest shall have attained that age. And I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson James Hare of Heckington Aforesaid the sum of One Hundred Pounds providing the said James Hare shall live to attain the age

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann Nash of Heckington in the County of Lincoln Widow. I give and bequeath on [?] My Son **Franklin Bonner Nash** all My real and Personal Estates includ[ing] Household Furniture Plate Linen Chin[a] and everything else I may be possessed of at the time of my decease, sub[ject] to the Legacies hereinafter named. I also give and bequeath to my Son **William Nash** Eight Pounds per Year so long as he may liv[e] such sum of Eight Pounds to be pai[d] out of the Real Estate hereinbefore devised to my Son Franklin Bonner Nash and at the death of my sai[d] son William Nash I do give and Bequeath the sum of One Hund[red] Pounds to be divided amongst his children then living providing the youngest child shall have attained the age of twenty one years, if the youngest child shall not have attained the age of twenty one years I direct that the money named a[s] aforesaid be paid to the said children so soon as the youngest shall have attained that age. And I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson James Hare of Heckington Aforesaid the sum of One Hundred Pounds providing the said James Hare shall live to attain the age...

Figure 353: First page of the will of Ann NASH (1807-1879). (HB0411)

Twenty one years, such sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid by my said son Franklin Bonner Nash out of the Real Estate hereinbefore devised to him. And I appoint my said son Franklin Bonner Nash sole Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. I do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in one sheet of Paper written in two sides set my hand this Seventeenth day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight.

This Writing was signed by the said Ann Nash the Testatrix and by her publishers and declared as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, present at the same time, who in her presence, at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Edmund Copeland  
Richard Christopherson

Ann Nash

...twenty one years, such sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid by my said son Franklin Bonner Nash out of the Real Estate hereinbefore devised to him. And I appoint my said son Franklin Bonner Nash sole Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. I do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in one sheet of Paper written in two sides set my hand this Seventeenth day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and Sixty eight.

This Writing was signed by the said Ann Nash the Testatrix and by her published and declared as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, present at the same time, who in her presence, at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses--

Edmund Copeland  
Richard Christopherson

[Signed] Ann Nash

Figure 354: Second page of the will of Ann NASH (1807-1879). (HB0412)

Proved at Lincoln the thirty first day  
 of July 1879 by the oath of Franklin  
 Bonner Nash the Son the sole Executor  
 to whom Administration was granted  
 The Testatrix Ann Nash was late of Heckington  
 in the County of Lincoln ~~the~~ Widow and died on  
 the seventeenth day of March 1879 at Heckington  
 aforesaid  
 Under £100 Foster Rodgers & Sons Solicitors  
 New Sleaford

Proved at Lincoln the  
 thirty first day of July 1879  
 by the oath of Franklin  
 Bonner Nash the Son the  
 sole Executor to whom  
 Administration was granted.

The Testatrix Ann Nash was  
 late of Heckington in the  
 County of Lincoln, Widow  
 and died on the seventeenth  
 day of March 1879 at  
 Heckington aforesaid

Under £100 Foster Rodgers  
 and Sons Solicitors,  
 New Sleaford

Figure 355: Annotations on the outside of the will of Ann NASH (1807-1879).  
 (HB0413)



## 6.3 THE WILL OF SLEIGHTON NASH (1769-1847), MILLER, OF HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE

This is an important will from 1841 recording plans for the transmission of the ownership of Heckington Mill, Heckington, Lincolnshire. A photocopy was helpfully shared with me by Eileen Robson (Newark, England) in 2014. The transcription below is mostly self evident, however some explanations are needed to make clear who is who in the will. I have also reproduced scans of the document to allow anyone interested access to the original.<sup>1</sup>

The mill was originally built for Michael HARE (1805-1834) in 1830, he had married Ann BONNER (1807-1879) during the summer of the year before (4 July 1829) at Kirkby-on-Bain, Lincolnshire. Michael HARE however, died aged just 29 in 1834 leaving one son (James HARE (1831-1867)). Two years later, on 5 August 1836, Michael HARE's widow Ann HARE, married **Sleighton NASH (1769-1847)** (at Heckington), it is his will that is reproduced below. At that point the ownership and running of the mill passed into the NASH family (who were already millers and bakers in the area).

**Sleighton NASH (1769-1847)** had been married before, to **Sarah PELL** on 3 February 1794 at Helpringham, Lincolnshire. Sarah (b. 1 Jan 1773) had died though on 14 November 1814. There were seven children from this marriage:

1. **Sleightholme / Sleighton (1794-1878)** (mentioned in this will)
2. Sarah (1797-1887) (never married) she was employed as a "slopmaker", and ended her days in the Heckington poor house living with her younger brother
3. Ann (1798-1874) (no details traced)
4. Elizabeth (1800-1878) (no details traced)
5. Mary (1801-1850) (no details traced)
6. **Joseph (1806-1895)** (mentioned in this will)
7. William (1810-1833) (died before the will was made)
8. **John (1812-1884)** (mentioned in this will) (never married) in 1871 he gave his previous occupation as "higgler" or pedlar and ended his days living in the Heckington poor houses with his elder sister Sarah.
9. Thomas (1813-1814)

The will reproduced and transcribed below was made by Sleighton NASH (aged then around 72) in 1841, in it he expressly transmits the mill to all three surviving sons of his first marriage: Sleighton (b. 1794), Joseph (b. 1806) and John (b. 1812). Not one of the daughters from this marriage are mentioned and no details have been traced except about Sarah. Sleighton NASH also leaves directions for the support of his two surviving sons by his second marriage to Ann HARE née BONNER: William Nash and Franklin Bonner Nash.

Relations between the half brothers seem to have been good, for example in the 1871 Census, Joseph NASH (then 64) and half brother William NASH (34) were living in the same house in Station Road, Heckington as was William's son William Bonner NASH (then aged 10) (his mother having died in 1869): both brothers gave their occupation as "miller and baker" so at that time they may have been living at the mill.

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<sup>1</sup> The will presented here is from the copy held in the Lincolnshire Archives (St. Rumbold Street, Lincoln LN2 5 AB), document reference LCC will 1848/291. Reproduced with permission.

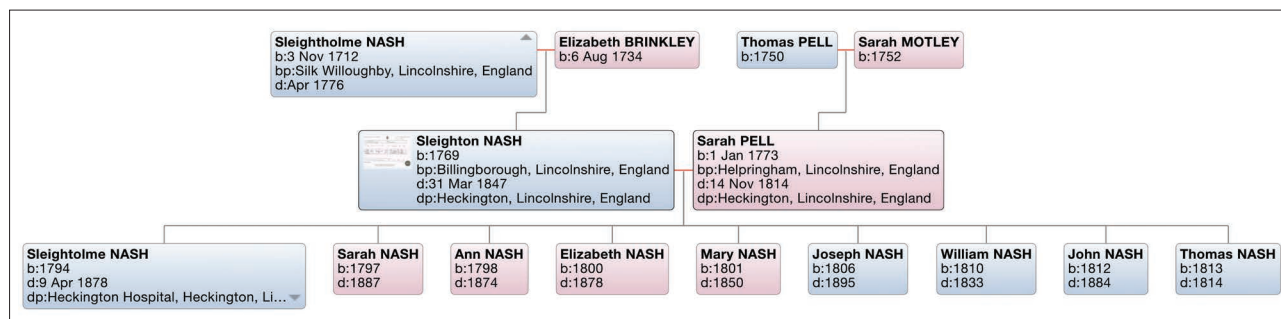


Figure 356: First marriage of Sleighton NASH (1769-1847) to Sarah PELL on 3 Feb 1794 in Helpringham, Lincolnshire. In the will, the three surviving sons are left most of the property, that is: Sleightolme (b. 1794), Joseph (b. 1806) and John (b. 1812).

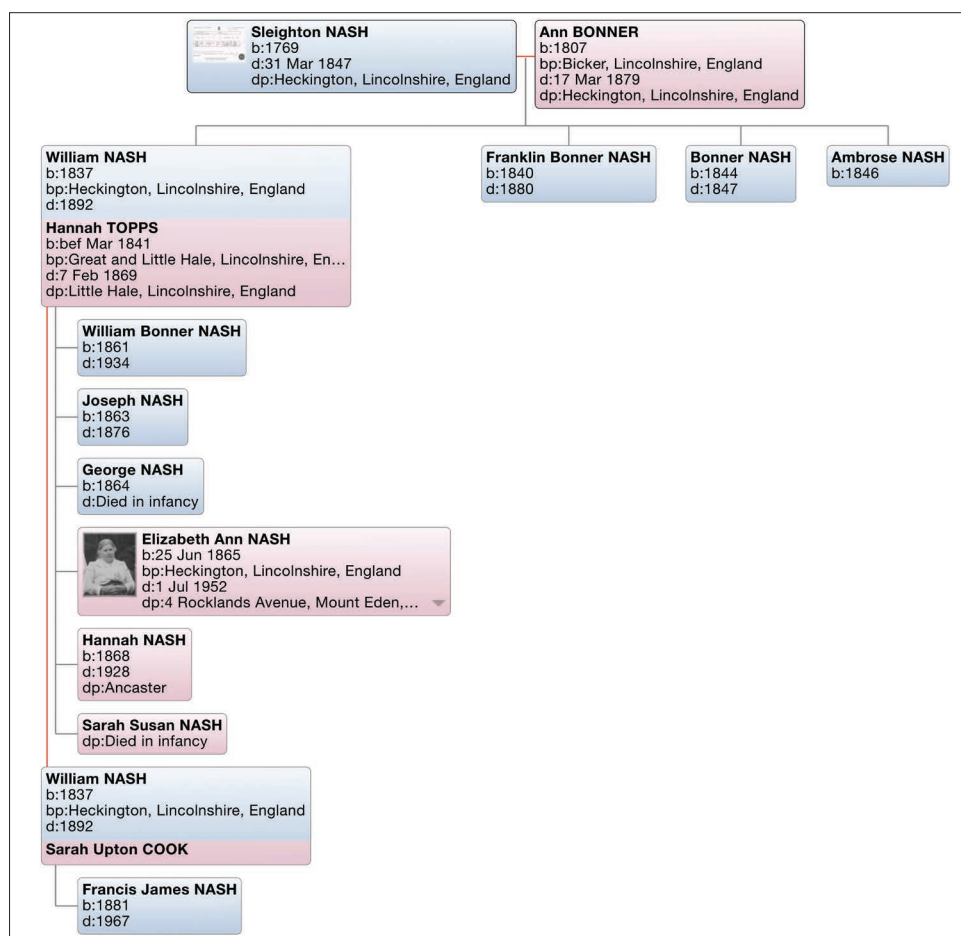


Figure 357: Second marriage of Sleighton NASH (1769-1847), 5 August 1836. Only William and Franklin Bonner were alive at the time of the will, in which they receive an annual payment until they are 21 and then the money invested for the annuity is shared equally amongst these children.



*This is the last Will and Testament of Me Sleighton Nash of Buckingham in the County of London Miller in manner following that is to say I Give and Devise unto my Three Sons Sleighton Nash Joseph Nash and John Nash All and every my Messuages or Dwelling Houses Town Land Mill Lands Estate and Revenues whatsoever situate and being in Buckingham and Leicestershire to them my said three Sons and the Survivor of them his Heirs and Assigns forever. Subject nevertheless and chargeable with the payment of one clear yearly annuity or sum of Twenty Pounds to be paid free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever yearly and every year to my wife Ann Nash during the Term of her natural Life or so long as she continues my widow by two equal payments in each year that is to say Michaelmas and Lady Day in every year the first payment thereof to begin and be made the first Michaelmas or Lady Day that shall next happen after my Decese for the maintenance of herself and the bringing up of my two Sons William Nash and Jonathan Barron Nash and what other Child or Children my said Wife may be entitled withal the time of my Decese until the youngest of them attains the Age of Twenty one Years, but in case my said Wife should happen to Die or marry again during the Minority of any of my said Children then and in that case my said Trustees herein after named shall apply the said yearly sum of Twenty Pounds towards the maintenance and support of such of my said Children as have not attained their respective Ages of Twenty one Years until the youngest of them attains the aforesaid Age and at the Death of or marrying again of my said Wife or when my youngest Child becomes of age as the case may be my said Trustees shall divide so much of my Property as is secured for the payment of the said annuity equally amongst such of my Sons as are then living here and have abode at All Give Devise and Bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Nash the house and residing in one*

Figure 358: First section of the 1841 will of Sleighton Nash (1769-1847). (HB0416)



And I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Nash the living and residing  
 one of my said Messuages or Dwelling Houses such as my said Testator shall think most con-  
 venient for during the Term of her natural Life or so long as she remains my Widow without paying  
 Rent for the same And I Give and Bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Nash All the Free-  
 hold Lands and Tenements which she had before I married her to and for her own use and Benefit ab-  
 solutely and absolutely And I Give and Bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Nash in the said County of London  
 and George Struggles of the City of London Tenant to see that his my said Will be pro-  
 vided and truly executed according to the true intent and meaning thereof Legally All the Real  
 and Remainder of my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and whereever subject to the pay-  
 ment of my just Debt Funeral and Testamentary expenses I Give and Bequeath to my said  
 Son Leighton Nash Joseph Nash and John Nash whom I name and appoint joint Executors  
 of my Will and who shall make good all former or other Debt or Liabilities by one of any time here-  
 after declaring this to be my last Will and Testament And I Give and Bequeath unto my  
 said Son Leighton Nash the Twenty eighth day of September or one Month after I am deceased and forty one  
 signed sealed published and in witness whereof  
 I Testator Leighton Nash at and  
 in the presence of witnesses at his request in his  
 own names or otherwise thereunto the Words are the  
 Furniture being first intimated if.  
 Wm L. L. L.  
 Attest Joseph L. L.  
 Robert Square

Leighton Nash

87. 10. 18

Figure 359: Second section of the 1841 will of Sleighton NASH (1769-1847) (copy somewhat cut off on the right edge). (HB0417)



**Transcription of the will of Sleighton NASH (1769-1847)**

Note: A backslash (i.e. "/" or "\") indicates the end of a line of text in the original):

This is the last Will and Testament of Me Sleighton Nash of Heckington / in the county of Lincoln, Miller, in manner following, that is to say, I Give and Devise unto my / Three Sons Sleighton Nash, Joseph Nash and John Nash All and every my Messuages<sup>2</sup> [sic] or Dwelling / Houses, farm, Wind Mill, Lands, Estate and Premises whatsoever situate and being in Heckington aforesaid / To Hold to them [?] my said three Sons and the Survivors of their his Heirs and Assignees for ever. / Subject nevertheless and chargeable with the payment of one clear yearly annuity or sum of / Twenty Pounds to be paid free and clear of all Taxes and deductions whatsoever yearly and every year to my wife Ann Nash during the Term of Her natural Life or so long as she continues my Widow by two equal payments in each year that is to say Michaelmas [29 September] and Lady Day [25 March] in every Year, the first / payment thereof to begin and be made the first Michaelmas or Lady Day that shall next happen / after my Decease for the maintenance of herself and the bringing up of my two Sons William Nash / and Franklin Bonner Nash and what other Child or Children my said Wife may be enceinte[e] with at / the time of my Decease until the youngest of them attains the Age of Twenty one Years, but in case / my said Wife should happen to Die or marry again during the Minority of my <or either> of my said Children / then and in that case my said Trustees hereinafter named shall apply the said yearly sum of / Twenty Pounds towards the maintenance and support of such of my said Children that have not / attained their respective Ages of Twenty one Years until the youngest of them attains the aforesaid age / and at the Decease or marrying again of my said Wife or when my youngest Child becomes of age as the / case may be any said Trustees shall divide so much of my Property as is secured for the payment / of the said annuity equally amongst such of my Sons as are then living, share and share alike /

Also I Give, Devise and Bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Nash, the living and residing in one / one [sic] of my said Messuages [sic] or Dwelling Houses such as my said Trustees shall think most convenient / for <her> during the Term of her natural life or so long as she remains my Widow without paying any / Rent for the same. Also I Give and Bequeath until my said Wife Ann Nash All the Household Plate, Linen and China which she had before I married her to and for her own use and Benefit absolutely /

And I do nominate and appoint John Clancy [?] of Old Sleaford in the said County of Lincoln Farmer and George Struggles [?] of Heckington aforesaid Yeoman, Trustees to see that this my said Will be properly / and truly executed according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Lastly All the Rest Residue /and Remainder of my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wherever subject to the payment / of all my said Debts, Funeral and Testamentary expenses I Give and Bequeath to my said three / Sons Sleighton Nash, Joseph Nash and John Nash whom I make and appoint joint Executors of this / my Will, revoking and making void all former and other Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made / declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my / Hand and Seal the Twenty eighth day of September One thousand eight hundred and forty one. /

[Signed,] sealed, published and declared by the said /  
[Testator] Sleighton Nash as and for his last Will and /  
[Testament] in the presence of us who at his request in his /  
[presence] and in the presence of each other have subscribed /  
[our names] as Witnesses hereto, the Words are [illegible] her [?] /  
Furniture being first inter[illegible]

[Signed by]  
Wm [?] Lawson  
[Illegible] Smart  
Robert Squire

[Signed by]  
Sleighton Nash

[Added note] 8 folios

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<sup>2</sup> Messaage = an older term (used in wills from this time and earlier) for "dwelling house". According to the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, it is a "Dwelling house with outbuildings and land assigned to its use."

This is the last Will and Testament of Mr Sleighton Nash of Hestington  
 in the County of Lincoln Miller in manner following that is to say I Give and Devise unto my  
 Three Sons Sleighton Nash Joseph Nash and John Nash All and every my Mesuages or Dwelling  
 Houses Ten Land Mill Land Estate and Premises whatsoever situate and being in Hestington aforesaid  
 To Hold to them my said Three Sons and the Survivors of them his Heirs and Assigns for ever.  
 Subject nevertheless and chargeable with the payment of one clear yearly annuity or Sum of  
 Twenty Pounds to be paid free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever yearly and every  
 Year to my Wife Ann Nash during the Term of her natural Life or so long as she continues my Widow  
 by two equal payments in each Year that is to say Michaelmas and Lady Day in every Year the first  
 payment thereof to begin and be made the first Michaelmas or Lady Day that shall next happen  
 after my Decese for the maintenance of herself and the bringing up of my two Sons William Nash  
 and Franklin Bonner Nash and what other Child or Children my said Wife may be enclosed with at  
 the time of my Decese until the Youngest of them attains its Age of Twenty one Years, but in case  
 my said Wife should happen to Die or marry again during the Minority of any of my said Children  
 then and in that case my said Trustees hereon after named shall apply the said yearly Sum of  
 Twenty Pounds towards the maintenance and support of such of my said Children as have not  
 attained their respective Ages of Twenty one Years until the Youngest of them attains the aforesaid Age  
 and at the Decese of or marrying again of my said Wife or when my youngest Child becomes of age as the  
 case may be my said Trustees shall divide so much of my Property as is secured for the pay ment  
 of the said annuity equally amongst such of my Sons as are then living share and share alike  
 Also I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Nash the living and residing in one  
 of my said Mesuages or Dwelling Houses such as my said Trustees shall think most convenient  
 for during the Term of her natural Life or so long as she remains my Widow without paying any  
 Rent for the same Also I Give and Bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Nash All the Household  
 Plate Linen and China which she had before I married her to and for her own use and Benefit absolutely  
 And I do nominate and appoint John Tacey of Old Heston in the said County of Lincoln Farmer  
 and George Briggs of Hestington aforesaid Common Trustee to see that this my said Will be properly  
 and truly executed according to the true intent and meaning thereof Lastly All the Rest Residue  
 and Remainder of my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever subject to the payment  
 of all my just Debt Funeral and Testamentary expenses I Give and Bequeath to my said Three  
 Sons Sleighton Nash Joseph Nash and John Nash whom I make and appoint joint Executors of this  
 my Will revoking and making void all former or other Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made  
 declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
 Hand and Seal the Twenty eighth day of September One thousand eight hundred and forty one /  
 Sleighton Nash  
 Witnessed and declared by the said  
 Sleighton Nash as and for his last Will and  
 Testament in the presence of me and two other persons who are  
 in the presence of each other have subscribed  
 as Witnesses thereto the Words aforesaid  
 and being first intimated /

Wm. Lumsden  
 Alfred Smart  
 Robert Squire



Sleightons Nash

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 (HB0418)

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 5381306-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT  
1847 DEATH in the Sub-district of Heckington  
SLEAFORD in the County of Lincoln

Columns: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
No. When and where died Name and surname Sex Age Occupation Cause of death Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar

266	Twenty first March 1847 Heckington	Nash Mach.	Male	78	Miller	Unknown Cerebral	Thinks looking for X present at the District Office Heckington	1847	William Gibbs Registrar
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the

14th day of January 2014

DVD 628859

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Figure 36i: Copy of Sleighton NASH's death certificate; note the variation in official spellings of his name. (HB0419)



## 6.4 "SEADYKE HOUSE" OLD LEAKE: 2016 UPDATE

The June 2016 three-page letter from Lincolnshire Archives, reproduced below, clarifies the location of the house in Seadyke Road (Figure 1, p. 11 above) just outside Old Leake, Lincolnshire (Figures 362-364). After that the detail from an older map of the area (Figure 365) marks the location of the property indicated in the letter, it lies between Old Leake and Wrangle.

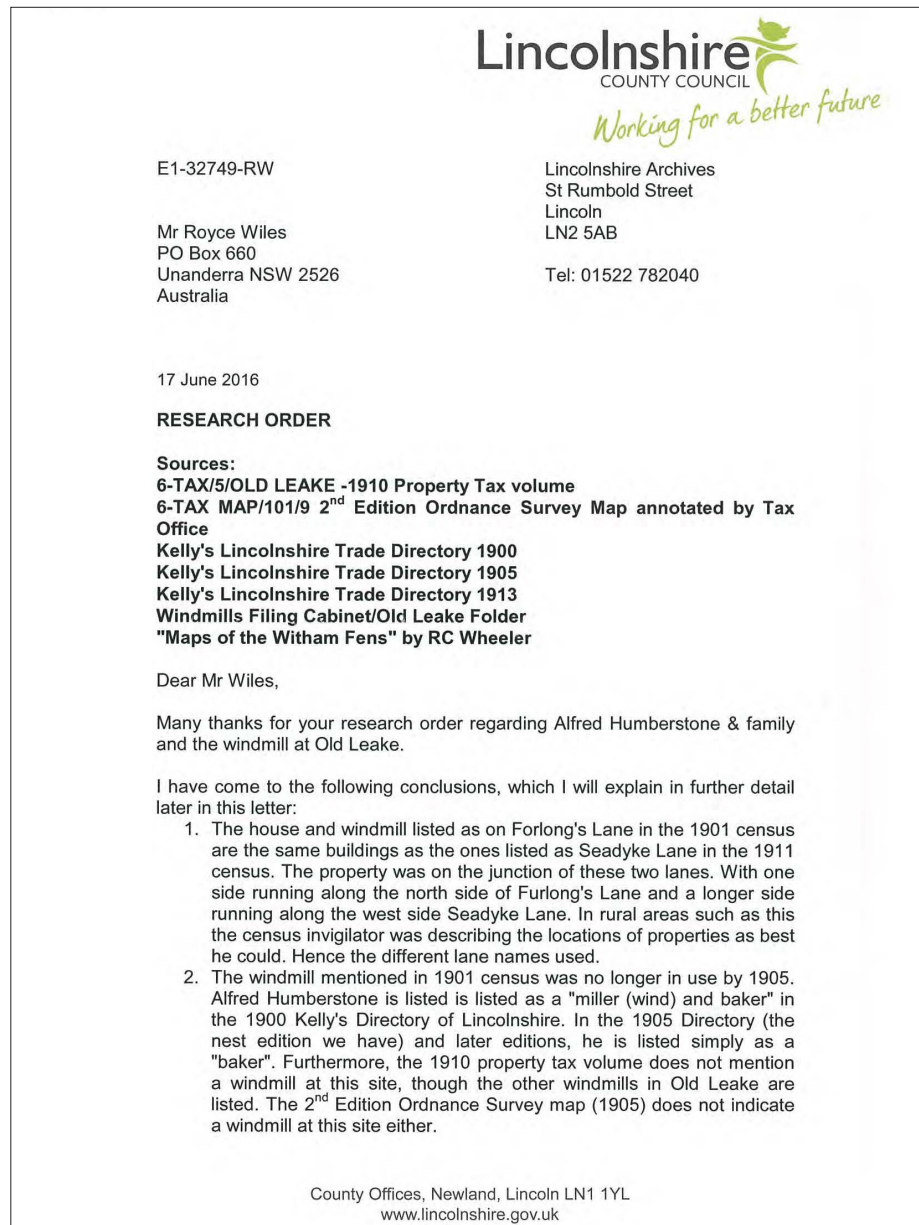


Figure 362: Page 1 of letter from Lincolnshire Archives clarifying the location of the HUMBERSTONE residence in Old Leake (HB0427)



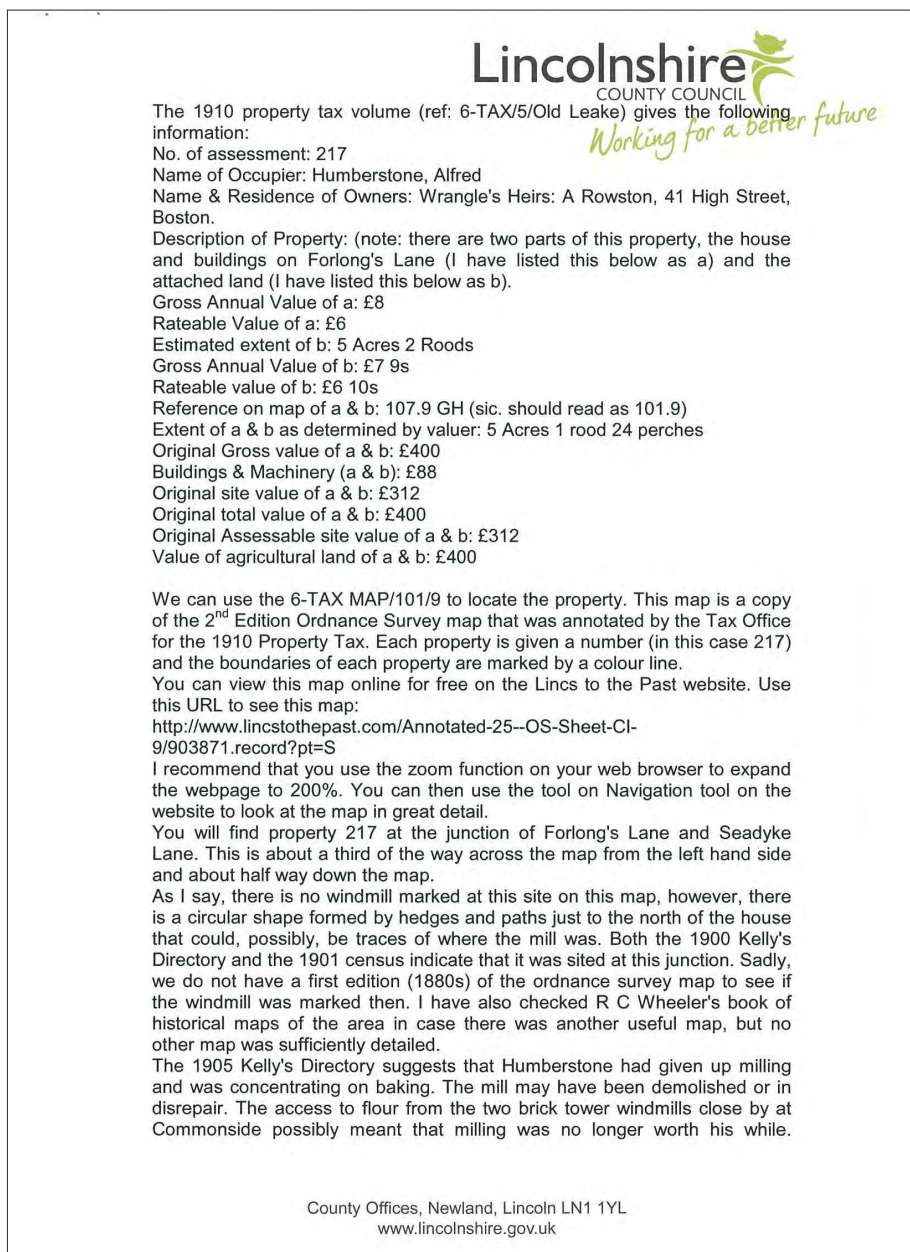


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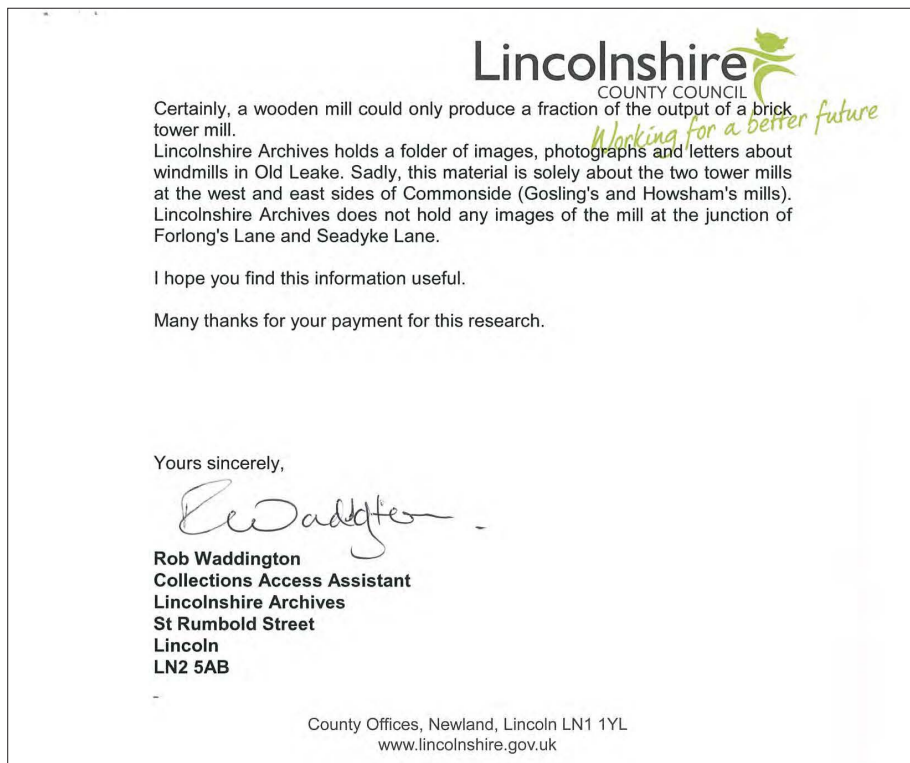


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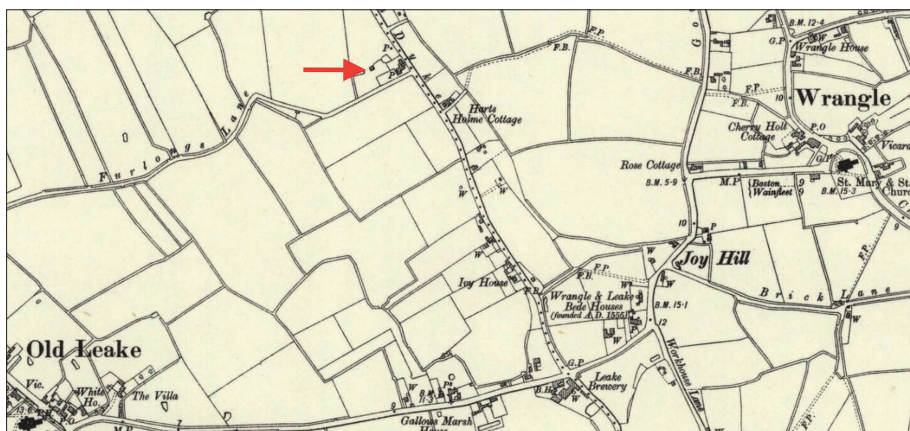


Figure 365: Extract of Lincolnshire map Cl.SW Old Leake; Wrangle (Revised 1904, published ca. 1931) showing (with arrow) where the HUMBERSTONE family lived from around 1896-1914. (HB0429)

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In the index (as throughout the book) a surname in capital letters indicates a person related by marriage or descent to the HUMBERSTONE family, while surnames with only initial capitals are individuals somehow mentioned in the text in passing. Regrettably, in a number of cases we have not been told individuals' surnames and so have had to index them under their first names here.

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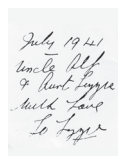
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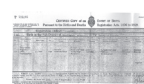
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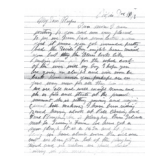
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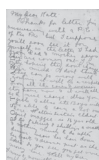
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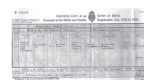
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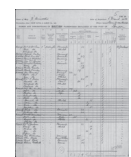
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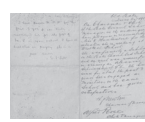
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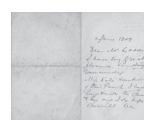
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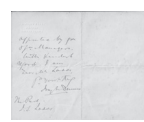
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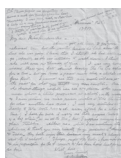
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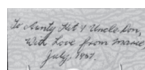
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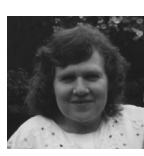
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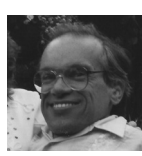
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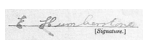
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**LIQUOR IN "DRY" AREA**  
**THE KUTEL, Friday**  
 A fine of \$10 was imposed on William Pelt Houghton by Mr. W. H. Freeman, S.M., at the Court, for keeping liquor for sale in a prohibited area. It was stated that a search conducted by the police revealed one dozen bottles of beer behind a window, two glasses containing one dozen and seven bottles of stout, respectively, and five bottles of wine.

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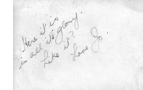
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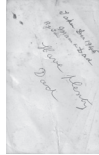




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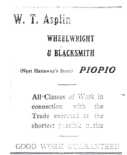
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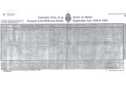
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For Sale.  
FOR SALE - Indian motor-cycle,  
1939 model. Apply to: Humberstone,  
Rura Street, Te Kuiti.

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PAEMAKO.  
Own Correspondent.  
At the householders' meeting, held  
at Paemako for the purpose of elect-  
ing a committee for the Paemako and  
Waikare schools the following com-  
mittee was appointed—Messrs W.  
Watson, chairman, E. Roberts, hon.  
sec. and treasurer, T. Mounghen, and  
A. Humberstone.

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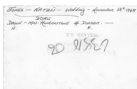
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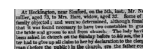
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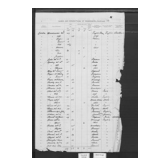
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P. W. Humberstone,  
BOOT REPAIRER  
BOOT REPAIRER  
PIO PIO.  
Get your BOOTS MENDED LO-  
CALLY, and save freight.  
OPEN FROM JUNE 7, 1920.

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No Pyjamas  
ARE you a luxury habit or  
modesty? The consideration  
of Americans says they are a habit  
and in the world a very impor-  
tant one at that.  
"I never wear 'em, I got rid of  
that kind of thing long ago," he said  
braggingly. "I don't wear 'em  
which explains how he was dis-  
tinguished as being a person of  
good and unimpeachable character."  
The fact is that the habit of  
never wearing pyjamas, he said, is  
the reason for his being a person  
of good and unimpeachable character.  
"I never go to church and give to  
the poor," he said, "because I  
am at the charge of some one I never  
knows what I'm doing."

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# AFTERWORD

This book has been many decades in preparation. At first I was attempting to balance the information on each branch of the family but it soon became clear that there were differences in how much information had survived in various branches and also, how much individuals were either interested or prepared to share.

I started out exploring official documents for information on family members, especially for those family members who did not have any children I had to piece together a minimal narrative to place beside the surviving photos and other documents. If they read as the merest outlines of lives I have to apologize, there are no other documents or accounts available to me (or perhaps to anyone now).

Of course all genealogists wish that more questions had been asked of earlier generations, most of the material here dates to decades before my birth and so piecing together what is known has had to be haphazard and although well-intentioned remains piecemeal.

Ideally each of the branches of the HUMBERSTONE tree listed here will be able to put together a more comprehensive account of their own line, with more documents, anecdotes, photographs, diaries, memories etc. This then is my attempt, after one hundred years, to capture the first generation to come to New Zealand.

I sincerely hope not to have made any mistakes in the large amount of family information collated here, dates, name spellings etc. have been variously checked and re-checked, if there are errors please let me know and I'll prepare a list of errata.

Royce WILES  
(Wollongong, October 2015)

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